
Local dog access rules 2025

Puketāpapa local parks

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995	I do not support the proposed change	A lot of families have dogs and this further limits the already limited areas where you can walk your dog.
1161	I do not support the proposed change	They need open spaces and off leash areas more
2133	I do not support the proposed change	Besides their home where do you expect dogs to have a place to run around freely?
2689	I support the proposed change	There are too many dogs off leash in this specific area. I think to keep people and children safe it is a wise idea.
4076	I do not support the proposed change	Should remain of leash as there is no issue as dogs interact with each other
4298	I support the proposed change	I will no longer visit local parks due to the amount of off leash dogs.
4323	I support the proposed change	Park has massively changed
4358	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs also need places to go off leash to exercise and be enriched. Removing local dog off leash areas without creating other areas in local neighborhoods isn't right.
4364	I do not support the proposed change	What is the significant Risk?
4436	I support the proposed change	Sensible response to change in use of the area, without banning dogs altogether.
4481	I support the proposed change	My dog was killed off leash so we're ducks and pukekos. My brother was attacked
4594	I support the proposed change	This is where my dog was attacked and killed by a dog off its leash. It could happen to others and the local wildlife.
5468	I do not support the proposed change	Owning a dog and being able to exercise it fully is part of the way I maintain my mental health as well as the health of my dog.
6526	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes fail to address the root causes of dog-related issues. Aggressive dogs and wandering local dogs pose risks due to irresponsible ownership, not off-leash access. Stricter penalties should target owners who fail to control their dogs, lapsed dog registrations etc rather than restricting responsible owners. Reducing off-leash parks will only limit lawful dog owners' ability to exercise their pets, potentially leading to more behavioural issues and greater inconvenience for the public.

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6531	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes will not solve the problems that there have been community complaints about (I have read the complaints through an OIA request). The issue lies with registration, microchipping, neutering/spaying of animals and appropriate containment of dogs on their home properties. If this changes go forward, there will still be issues with wandering off leash dogs - this is an issue with owners responsibility not access to off leash areas. These changes will only punish responsible dog owners. These off leash areas serve an important purpose in the community for responsible owners who use them to properly exercise and socialise their dogs to ensure that they do not cause trouble and only bring joy, comfort and companionship to their lives both through the animals themselves but connecting to others in the community. If these changes continue, you will see a rise in dog related issues as there will be less places for dogs to be properly socialised and exercised, as it will be too difficult, too far away or too small for a dog to properly exercise and people will simply stop doing it. New Zealand is a country of dog loves, 28% of us have dogs. You cannot exclude such a large part of the community like that when there are so many others parks that do not allow off leash dogs. We already have a small area, don't make it smaller.
6723	I support the proposed change	Roaming dogs are an issue in and around Freeland Reserve. I'm not convinced that making Freeland Reserve on leash will resolve this issue but may at least make some owners more mindful of the need to have their dog under control. Many dogs in the area are not wearing collars, so identifying owners of off-lead dogs will probably be impossible - again, I'm not convinced the new regulation would actually resolve the issue of roaming dogs.
OUTSIDE PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
417	I do not support the proposed change	I advocate for being allowed dogs under control and on leash in more of aucklands regional parks and within more areas of aucklands regional parks. Walking and hiking in Aucklands regional parks is a perfect activity for having canine companionship. There is plenty of space for everyone and when dogs are under control on leash there is little room for that to be problematic to anyone. Currently the options for getting fresh air and exercise for dog owners in Auckland are already incredibly limited. I do not support limiting this further. Again, the emphasis should be on policing and preventing nad dog ownership, not making it impossible le for good dogs and owners to enjoy wholesome, healthy activities in our own neighborhoods.
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all publics areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
1358	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all parks.

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1379	I do not support the proposed change	More dogs in Auckland and your solution is to restrict where and when they can go places, removing areas of much needed off leash areas and giving nothing in return. This makes absolutely no sense.
1587	I do not support the proposed change	Turning off-leash areas into prohibited zones requires an exceptionally valid reason; otherwise, it feels unjustifiable. Most areas are already on-leash or entirely off-limits to dogs. What exactly are dog owners supposed to do? Keep their dogs confined at home all the time? Dogs need to run and play freely, not just walk on a leash every single time. To those making such strict rules: would you feel comfortable being on a leash, held by someone every time you walked in a park? It's about fairness and understanding the needs of all living beings, including our furry family members.
1847	I do not support the proposed change	For all reductions in dog access areas, I strongly oppose the changes. Resources for dog owners are already so minimal. There are nearly limitless options for people that don't want to be around dogs. Why continue to punish dog owners? It will only cause more problems as dog owners will become desperate so will start ignoring rules entirely. More dog access will lead to better stimulated, exercised and socialized dogs.
1854	Other (please explain below)	Same for all areas - we should have a section for owners and dogs to be off leash during summer.
1957	I do not support the proposed change	We need to retain good off leash areas for dogs and their owners to enjoy the city.
2139	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2183	I do not support the proposed change	We share this land - with all living things. We cannot prohibit access because it might cause issue with a few biased individuals. This doesn't solve an issue it creates disconnect and segregation between demographics. Focus on educating dog owners as well as non- dog owners and simplifying regulations. If people get used to dogs everywhere, the less of an issue it will become. Dogs bring joy to peoples' lives. Stop trying to take away their rights to play. That's all they ask...we have people that treat them horrifically, people who hit them, beat them and try to kill them and yet they stay loyal to their owners and only ever ask for love and a good walk in return. Just let them be part of the community.
2184	I do not support the proposed change	Keep current
2185	Other (please explain below)	Please provide as many opportunities as possible for on-lead walking.

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2343	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners are already highly restricted on area and times if access. Increasing those limitations is unfair and discriminating. The majority should not be penalized for the minority who are not responsible dog owners.
2469	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are better people
2488	I do not support the proposed change	It's already to minum the parks and areas that you currently can walk with your dog, and to keep a healthy and balanced dog at least the dog need to be walked once a day.
2692	I do not support the proposed change	Off lease should remain
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2871	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive
4025	Other (please explain below)	Access should BE ALLOWED 'ON lead' & 'off lead' during day & for most areas for trained Dogs & Owners who are licenced & registered
4489	I do not support the proposed change	I want less restrictions not more
4764	I do not support the proposed change	there are few options for safe off leash dog exercise areas
4821	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control there is no problem.
4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety
5023	I do not support the proposed change	If people know it's an off-leash dog area, they can avoid the park. There are plenty of parks in the vicinity. I think people are generally quite respectful when they encounter people on their way.
5103	I do not support the proposed change	There is no reason for the change, it is an attack on dog owners
5146	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few dog parks in this area. This is convenient to the many elderly people in the vicinity, who aren't able to pick up their dog and drive him/her across town. There are other parks where dogs are not permitted, are must be on-leash; these other parks provide good options for walkers.
5522	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under control have great owners, owners that have trust with their dog will only take them off leash. Stop taking places away from us, we already have a lack of options
5642	I don't know	I would like to better understand why the 'change in the nature of the area creates a significant risk to people' at Freeland Reserve before I can support its reclassification. I believe more detailed justifications should be provided before making such a change. Socialization is a vital aspect of responsible dog ownership, and off-leash areas are essential for this purpose. My concern is that this could lead to a gradual reduction in access to public spaces, which I find troubling.
5661	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.

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5867	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should have the right to exercise their dog/s as per they current bylaws.
5918	I do not support the proposed change	No need to change
6441	I do not support the proposed change	Utter rubbish
6447	I do not support the proposed change	Expand areas and times that dog owners can access with their companions
6478	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few places already where we can take our dogs; parks and waterways provide enrichment and socialization opportunities. Council should aim to increase the areas where dogs are allowed, instead of reducing them. Council is missing on the economic opportunity dogs can be.

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1497	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecelia is an extremely popular and safe area off the leash for very well looked after dogs, plenty of space to avoid contact if you walk on the pathways or stay nearer to the cafe and the rules only need clear marking up for events when dogs are not welcome. There is no sensible reason children or vulnerable people would be using that bowl area which is steep and very uneven grass. In sharp contrast you propose to make a flat park right next to a primary and intermediate school and playground off lease. I remember walking through that park as a child and we had to stick in large groups to avoid local dogs who in such a state housing / guard dog area are not always friendly dogs. I can foresee this traumatising the type of small child having to walk through that park home or to school and the alternate routes not through the park are very inconvenient. I am strongly against both these changes.
2628	I support the proposed change	Help dogs play together and less reactive to each other. Most owners themselves are anxious seeing other dogs on leash and, their own dogs pulling towards the direction of the other dog, the tug of war continues. When they are off leash, a trained dog is usually calm and they start to play together. This can happen very smoothly under the supervision of the owners and observing how the dogs are behaving to each other and yes disciplining when required
3243	I do not support the proposed change	This park is directly outside Mt Roskill Primary and Intermediate Schools. While the schools are fenced a number of children use the park to access their school via foot and bike. Suggest that the off-leash be limited to reflect school hours.

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4201	I do not support the proposed change	It is stated in the 'Proposed updates to dog access rules at local parks and beaches' document in section 5 'How we got here' under Options Analysis that: "Option Two is the preferred way to provide a balanced use of public spaces. This area will provide off leash areas for dogs and owners without significant risk to other users of the park." I strongly disagree. There will be an increase in significant risk to other users of the park, specifically children playing at the playground within the reserve area. Further the proposed off-lead area at John Moore is small and adjacent to relatively busy suburban road that connects with Mt Albert Rd. There isn't enough room for a dog (large or small) to run around and sufficient time for an owner to recall their dog if they get too close other users of the park or to the road. There is also an increase in risk to passing pedestrians (park users or not) as well as drivers of passing cars if a dog was unable to be recalled by their owner. if these changes happen, there will be fewer off-leads areas in Puketāpapa ward, forcing current users of other areas to park on suburban streets, limiting room for residents and creating more issues with dogs exiting and entering cars directly onto footpaths potentially creating more hazards for passing people and other dogs.
4298	I do not support the proposed change	I will no longer visit local parks due to the amount of dogs that are off leash or with no responsible owners.
4323	I do not support the proposed change	Lots of schools nearby , kids walking, playground.
4358	I support the proposed change	Dogs also need places to go off leash to exercise and be enriched. Dog owners need more locations to take their dog to encourage good dog ownership.
4436	I support the proposed change	If other off-leash areas become on-leash, then more suitable off-leash areas need to be provided for dog owners.
5468	I support the proposed change	Having good off leash options is important for dogs and dog owners
OUTSIDE PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all public areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
1325	I support the proposed change	Dog owners need more designated off leash areas so that they do not need to use public spaces. These should be clearly signposted and fenced.
1358	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all parks.

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1854	Other (please explain below)	Same for all areas - we should have a section for owners and dogs to be off leash during summer.
2139	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2184	I support the proposed change	Wow another one
2185	Other (please explain below)	Please provide as many opportunities as possible for on-lead walking.
2655	Other (please explain below)	I support off-leash, under control but you have misspelt the proposed change. Please update.
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2871	I support the proposed change	Fair
4025	Other (please explain below)	Access should BE ALLOWED 'ON lead' & 'off lead' during day & for most areas for trained Dogs & Owners who are licenced & registered
4477	I support the proposed change	Only if it is Dogs allowed control off leash at all times (Schedule 1(4)(a)) applies Because what is schedule 2.
4489	I support the proposed change	I want less restrictions not more
4764	I support the proposed change	there are few options for safe off leash dog exercise areas
4821	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control there is no problem.
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5023	I support the proposed change	I think it's important to have plenty of off-leash parks and areas. People tend to let their dogs off, so it's best done in a safe and allowed space.

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5642	I support the proposed change	Socialization is a key element of responsible dog ownership, and off-leash areas are vital for this purpose. While some areas must restrict off-leash dogs to protect wildlife, habitats, and forests, providing alternative spaces is a responsible solution alongside these necessary regulations.
5661	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.
5867	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should have the right to exercise their dog/s as per they current bylaws.
5918	I support the proposed change	Extra areas for dogs to exercise is supported.
6388	I support the proposed change	Totally agree. This will be benefit to the community.
6447	I support the proposed change	Good
6478	I support the proposed change	There are very few places already where we can take our dogs; parks and waterways provide enrichment and socialization opportunities. Council should aim to increase the areas where dogs are allowed, instead of reducing them. Council is missing on the economic opportunity dogs can be.
6940	I do not support the proposed change	This park lies immediately adjacent to both Mount Roskill Intermediate and Primary Schools, and is in one of the most socio-economically deprived areas of Auckland (SES Index 10). Dogs in this area are more likely to be aggressive due to factors relating to deprivation, and having an off-leash area right next to a school is extremely dangerous. Due to their nature and unpredictability, dogs can become activated into attacking by normal child movements, particularly in groups of children (activated predatory instinct, similar to herds of sheep). Dogs have attacked children in Auckland schools, including the near-by Three Kings Primary School. Off-leash areas should never be established near schools.

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32	I support the proposed change	Too many owners think they can have their dogs off the lead from the minute they arrive. Dogs are off lead all over the park not just in the designated bowl area. I would love to be able to walk my elderly dog on lead and not have to worry about an another dog approaching us. The only way this could be rectified is to fence off the unleashed area so it is clear where they are allowed and let everyone else enjoy the park for what it is.
38	I do not support the proposed change	There are 2 “bowls” at this park. One of these is currently where the dogs are allowed off leash I don’t see why the people who “are having issues with the dogs off leash” can’t use the other side where they dogs are not permitted off leash. I’ve frequented this park for 10+ years and in my opinion all the dogs and people who use this park are respectful of the rules and co-exist without any trouble so I don’t see any reason for it to change.
63	I do not support the proposed change	As a regular walker at monte Cecilia who takes her dog there often, I have never met a badly behaved dog that regularly goes there. The dogs who are not under control tends to be people who don't visit the parks. The issue isn't the dogs but rather the owners.
81	I support the proposed change	It is presently mayhem at the park .
84	I do not support the proposed change	Have you seen the huge number of people who use this park specifically because it is one of the few off leash areas in Mt Roskill? This park is mainly used by dog walkers who walk their dogs on leash and use the bowl area for ball throwing and to give their dog some off leash exercise. It is a very important area for dog owners and should not be limited. There are many other park areas that people can go to if they don't like dogs, the same can not be said for dog owners.
97	I do not support the proposed change	This is a park that we often with our dog whose a whippet (very gentle and can be vulnerable due to its breed. As whippet owners we can be quite fussy and picky with the off leash park areas we visit to protect our dogs, Monte Ceilia is one of the very few we visit as owners there are responsible, there are no aggressive dogs. It would be a shame to make that on a leash. I understand some people confuse the whole park as off leash rather than just one area, I suggest signage to be put up or something that is more clear, owners there are quite responsible. It would be a shame for it to become a on a leash park when it is such a great area with off leash and people who are responsible.
100	I do not support the proposed change	This dog park is very popular for dog owners, very highly utilised, and is the only good dog parks around the area. I am highly against this proposed rule

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134	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecelia is the only off leash dog park that I feel safe letting my dog off the leash, knowing she is far from the road, and that everyone there has good control of their dogs. Dogs play so healthily there, owners are always watching their dogs actively and joining in the play making it safe for everyone there. It is important for dogs to have a safe off leash place to play to burn off excess energy and to maintain a healthy level of fitness. The community of people who gather there are so friendly and is a lovely social places for dogs and humans alike. Many will be most disappointed if our beloved Monte Cecelia doesn't remain off leash. Thank you
140	I do not support the proposed change	There is only one dog park left in the area. We have formed a community and this helps us after a tiring day to recover our mental health by being there. You will be destroying a community.
148	I do not support the proposed change	The naturally occurring bowl is the perfect place for dogs and dog owners to socialise and spend a couple of hours throwing the ball and enjoying each others company, I have been going for 2 years with my golden retriever and have never had any issues with anyone or any dog there. I fact I know every single owner and dog that comes there in the morning and afternoon and it is the perfect places for dogs to run off leash. Taking this away from them is cruel and unusual, it would take away somewhere where everybody can come in the afternoon and let there dogs play free with other dogs after sitting at home all day.
191	I do not support the proposed change	It is important for dogs to have an off leash area to interact with other dogs. This area is only small and has been working well for a number of years.
195	I do not support the proposed change	This park is fantastic. It's a large area with many spots to walk the dog, have a picnic, play with kids, etc. The dogs off leash area is already a small portion of the park, and it's one I use once or twice a day minimum. many dog owners and walkers would struggle without the access of Monte Cecelia park. I would hate to see this park not being visited nearly as much as many dog walkers want the off leash running space for their pets so will flood other smaller parks with much less space. There is acres of other spots park visitors use. The other bowl, the flat field opposite the homestead, the area off herd road, the area off Mt albert road, not including all the grass area that isn't within the bowl. Unfortunate to hear about this proposal as many dog walkers also love to congregate around after work to socialise with other people and let their pets have a play date.

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211	I support the proposed change	I have lived on the edge of the park for many years and since parts of the park have become dog off leash, I have experienced an increasing number of unwanted dogs in our garden and even in our house. Dog owners park in our street, do not put their dog on a leash and are then unable to control them. Many owners have decided that the whole of park is off leash rather than just the 'bowl' and about a year ago one of our neighbour's cats was killed by an off leash dog from the park. Dog owners are rarely apologetic about the trouble their dogs cause and are often abusive. For example, about 3 months ago I found a dog defecating in our front garden, accompanied by two other dogs, When the owner finally appeared, rather than apologising, she verbally abused me and ordered me to go back inside my house, saying that I was upsetting her dogs. One of my children is terrified of dogs due to an incident at her school. Requiring dogs to be on leash will ensure the park can be enjoyed by all.
218	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia Park has a very good natured and communal dog community that have never experienced any issues from anyone in regard to off leash dogs in the bowl area. The bowl area is a small fragment of the park which requires dogs to be on leash. There is a natural boundary of trees where people picnic or exercise up the slope and the dog ball throwers on the other. There is absolutely no threat or concern as mentioned in the revised plan to the public- whoever drew up these proposals never talked to anyone in the park or the dog owning community who use the park respectfully on a daily basis. Please cancel these proposed changes as they have no basis or benefit.
262	I do not support the proposed change	This is a lovely park for dog owners to socialise their dogs and for them to play in the bowl. It would be a shame to change this rule
283	I do not support the proposed change	Not many parks around for dog owners in that area that allow such a lovely off leash space. Would be really sad and devastating to lose that option for exercising and socialising your dog.
299	I do not support the proposed change	It's great area for my dog to roam around freely and meet other responsible dog owners
409	I do not support the proposed change	I walk my dog here most days. I have never seen anything except happy dogs and people having a chat. I have never seen a dog put a person at risk and we have been walking dogs in this area before it was even owned by the council. I think if you want to change this because of a significant risk to people, you need evidence to back that up. 'significant' evidence.
534	I do not support the proposed change	I have been here the last 2 years and have also met very responsible dog owners. A lot of people also come in the weekends with kids to hangout. I've had multiple instances of family with kids who have played with my dog and had a great time. All dog owners pay for registration yearly and the fact that we now are being stripped away with our rights to let our fur babies off the leash to get their exercise in is very unfair. There are breeds that require more exercise than others. I'd not being exercised they may become a nuisance at home. Your decision will create more problems for the dog owners so for whatever reason this is being proposed as a change, I urge you to start with education first. Whether it is education for those irresponsible dog owners you are trying to punish or whatnot. Instead of stripping this away from everyone entirely. Thanks

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562	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few off lead places in Auckland. There's One Tree Hill really close by where people can go if they don't want to be around dogs. There are very few issues with dogs whenever I'm there and I visit almost daily. Majority of people using the park have dogs.
588	I do not support the proposed change	The off-leash area within the park is in the perfect location, being far from roads and adjacent to, but still separate from, the footpath. The park is well-used and well-loved by dog owners to allow their dogs to run and socialise, which is really important for dogs' development and livelihood. Off-leash areas in parks are becoming more and more important as increased housing density decreases private garden spaces, particularly in central suburbs, so getting rid of off-leash areas in local parks will be massively detrimental for the local dogs and their owners who rely on this space to ensure the health, safety and happiness of their beloved pets. There are very few off-leash parks for dogs in the area, and the off-leash area in Monte Cecilia park services many local dog owners, of which I have been one for my whole life. Were the rules to change to make it on-leash, local dog owners would have to drive to further away off-leash parks for the dogs to get the exercise and socialisation that they need, which adds more (unnecessary!) traffic to Auckland's roads.
614	I do not support the proposed change	Because I have a small Maltese shihtzu dog . He is happier off lease around other dogs but on lease he feels anxious that he is not allowed to play
620	I do not support the proposed change	There are a very few parks where I can let our dog off leash and even at the minute Cecilia park there is a small patch on the green where it's allowed and i do not support the new Proposed changes as because dogs also need some Place off leash where they can get their exercise and there are many dog owners who visit the Monte Cecilia park where the dogs are playing around monitored by all and we as a community are socialising..
674	I support the proposed change	This area needs to be more controlled; dogs are running around everywhere and there is a new popular cafe with children nearby. The cafe should have clearly marked areas where people with dogs can eat. At the moment's they're all over the areas int he cafe and one point a dog jumped on my little niece, scared her, and ruined our brunch experience.
677	I do not support the proposed change	We already have limited areas where dogs can run around freely. Auckland needs to become MORE dog friendly not less. This is a huge step backward for Auckland and New Zealand and yet another reason why Auckland Council is the single worst government department in NZ and another reason why I would speak poorly of Auckland Council without even being asked. DO NOT DO THIS TO DOG OWNERS. My dog adores this park and is one of the few in the. Mt Roskill area where he can freely interact with small dogs.

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701	I support the proposed change	This is a beautiful park developed for the community where children, elderly and citizens come to get some exercise and peace. I am a regular at Monte Cecilia park and have been going there for the past 11 years. The number of people leaving their dogs off leash has become a danger, risk to children and elderly people. Dogs should be on leash at all times in all areas and perhaps there should be an area where only public should have access and an area exclusive to walk dogs which will give safety to people taking walks in dog free area Thank you
723	I do not support the proposed change	There is limited area within this region with vast land for our dogs to run around. In my experience I have never seen any problems caused to another person by a dog whether that be a person having a picnic or going on a stroll. Dog owners are aware of the rules and control their dogs well at this park.
868	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia is an ideal park for exercising non-menacing dogs. Our experience of the park is that dogs there are friendly and their owners civilised. Our nation has a habit of punishing all people in a demographic such as dog owners instead of targeting those who cause trouble. Some years ago when regulation was tightened in reaction to a pit bull savaging a poor little girl at Meola Reef Reserve the unfocussed regulation change resulted in widespread prosecution of owners of non-menacing dogs. At least one owner carrying a toy dog in their arms on a beach was fined around \$400. This has done nothing to restrict thugs with fighting-breed dogs, hence the current conversation. The problem is that existing regulations and bylaws are not enforced. Council should hire more animal control officers and enforce existing menacing dog regulations by requiring dogs classified as menacing to wear a muzzle at all times when in public (this includes American Pit Bull Terrier, Brazilian Fila, Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentino, and Perro de Presa Canario). These breeds must also be either neutered or certified unfit to be neutered within one month and microchipped within two months. Menacing dog owners commonly allow their dogs to roam unrestricted. The Act is clearly not enforced by Auckland Council. Changing regulations to make peaceful residents criminals is not the answer. The 'basin' at Monte Cecilia Park should be retained for responsible dog owners to exercise and socialize their dogs off-leash.
884	I support the proposed change	I support this change because dogs often roam away from the designated area and are then not under control of their owners. Some owners walk their dogs off lead throughout the whole park when going to and from the off lead area. Monte Cecilia is a wonderful green space in an otherwise busy urban area and all local families should be able to enjoy this space without having to worry about loose dogs.
887	I do not support the proposed change	This off leash area for dogs is fantastic - any risk caused to other park users is not likely due to this area, but to dog owners treating the whole park as off leash. If this was controlled better, there would be no need to make the whole park on-leash.

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898	I do not support the proposed change	This is a very highly valued community asset in my local area which I visit often. By far, the majority of visitors to the park go there to use the bowl, off leash area and I think we are being unfairly targeted by people who rarely visit Monte and that the suggestion is a response to a few irresponsible dog owners. I have never seen a problem with dogs there in the (must be in the 1000s) of times I've visited and the local community are very much against this change. We need places where dogs can safely play and socialize and this is one of those places. I'm very, very much against this change.
900	I do not support the proposed change	As long time lovers and users of Monte Cecelia park, this change would significantly impact the wellbeing of our little cavoodle who terribly enjoys running free with all the other dogs in the bowl. With already limited off-lead parks available to Dog owners in Auckland, this change unduly restricts our ability to exercise our dogs in a collaborative and safe manner. Further, as the off-lead premises is restricted to the bowl, the interests of other members of the public are still maintained as they can use "non-off-lead" premises for their enjoyment. One of our reasons for choosing Monte Cecelia as our long standing (partly) off-lead park is because of the types of dogs that go there-we have not experienced any negative engagement between our dog and another while visiting Monte, but have at another well known Dog park around Auckland. While a change like this may not impact the general public at large, it significantly impacts the dog walking community that gathers in the bowl each afternoon, and most importantly, will impact the wellbeing of all dogs who use the park. I implore the Council to maintain its current policy wording (and not change the off-lead nature of the park). Our little community thrives off seeing our little pooches running with joy, with air between their ears and a big smile (often accompanied with drool) on their faces.
921	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs cannot play with other dogs while on a leash. I know a lot of dog owners use the bowl as a socialisation space for puppies or damaged dogs. There are practically no places locally for off-leash play, due to extended closure of Waikowhai off-leash area, so this policy will exacerbate the problem for local dog-walkers.
995	I do not support the proposed change	A lot of families have dogs and this further limits the already limited areas where you can walk your dog.

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1096	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs that are exercised and fulfilled are well behaved dogs. There are so few places where we can allow our dog to run free, play with other dogs and enjoy the outdoors without a lead. Walking on a lead around a park is not the same as having the freedom to sniff and play at will. Monte Cecilia bowl is well utilised by dog owners and is well out of the way of other park users. It's a great meet up space for dogs and owners and a good way for dogs to learn to socialise off leash. Dogs need off leash exercise areas that are more than just a small fenced in area. Dogs need to run! From personal experience I have found that other off-leash areas in nearby places like Mt Roskil are not safe to walk in for humans let alone dogs due to the high number of roaming dogs in the area and irresponsible sometimes threatening owners. As a woman walking my dog alone I feel safe at Monte Cecilia, even in the winter when it is dark which is not the case at other parks in the Puketapapa area. I believe the current arrangement works well and should. It be changed. It is not clear why the change is being proposed but removing a valuable off leash resource from the dog owning community would be a shame. I would support a change to make Monte Cecilia fully off leash rather than making it fully on leash.
1127	I do not support the proposed change	I have been a regular user of Monte Cecilia park in the evening and weekend over the past 6-7 years with my current dog who is a blind husky and my previous dog who was a malamute. The dog owners generally congregate on the grassed area away from the footpath to allow the dogs to socialise and they are extremely well behaved. The dog owners know each other and ensure the dogs are looked after. We also ensure any dog poops are picked up while we are visiting. We are very conscious of how lucky we are to have the space for our dogs and want to ensure we are respectful of all visitors. Off lead has always been a very healthy way for dogs to play, run and explore. Due to my dogs disability he is reliant on his smell and hearing to navigate his life. He lost his sight 15 months ago due to an auto immune condition and he has mapped out the park in his mind so that he can roam freely in the off lead area. I support the park remaining the same with an off lead in the dome to ensure my dog and others have an area to socialise.
1161	I do not support the proposed change	Why restrict them because of complaints received by non animal lovers
1214	I do not support the proposed change	This is a gathering place for many dog owners and it would be devastating to lose. Every time we have gone there with our dog all dogs have been well behaved. It is a great space and I think all regular users expect to see dogs there.

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1497	I do not support the proposed change	Terrible Idea. dogs in that park use this daily for safe meet and greet socialising with other gentle dogs and locals should not have to drive to get to an off leash area. ALL other park areas in walking distance are on the leash. we will have to drive to big king. There is no sensible reason why dogs cannot safely avoid any contact with people walking through the park who would all be able bodied as the park is not wheelchair friendly or safe for anyone but able bodied patrons (very uneven surface to the point that dogs frequently lose their balls in divets.)
1580	I do not support the proposed change	The naturally formed bowl is a great place for dogs to run and play. I have seen this to be a very safe spot away from the traffic and also away from the walking path. I believe that as long as a dog is under control of the owner (even without a leash) they would listen to the owner. So instead of removing off leash areas I firmly believe enforcing and educating the public to get their dogs trained and train themselves would be the right approach.
1675	I do not support the proposed change	I must express my strong opposition to your proposal due to a glaring absence of crucial information that justifies the necessity of these changes. Your documentation fails to provide any insights into the frequency of dog attacks in this park or a comprehensive overview of past incidents and their resolutions. This critical data is essential for contextualizing your proposal, and I am confident that the available evidence will not support the need for such drastic measures. I challenge you to present any evidence that proves otherwise. From what I note that over the past three years, only three recorded dog attacks have been reported in the park. This statistic is strikingly low, particularly when juxtaposed with the high volume of dog owners who frequent this area daily. It suggests that the park is, in fact, generally safe for both humans and dogs. We must critically evaluate the council's response to these incidents, especially regarding the support provided to victims and the accountability measures for offending dogs and their owners. How does the council intend to tackle reported aggressive dog behavior? A closer look reveals a troubling lack of action and effective procedures addressing these issues, raising serious concerns about the council's commitment to public safety. As responsible dog owners, we have reported incidents of aggressive behavior, only to encounter inaction and insufficient follow-up. This lack of accountability for offenders undermines the council's authority, allowing problematic behaviors to persist unchecked. The council must urgently reassess its approach to managing dog aggression and implement effective measures to ensure accountability. Only by doing so can the public begin to trust that their safety is genuinely prioritized. It is deeply concerning that the council appears inclined to scapegoat all dogs and

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1717	I do not support the proposed change	We love Monte Cecilia Park and the freedom it allows my border collie to interact with the environment in the best way for a dog of his breed. He enjoys sniffing about in the undergrowth and under the trees, finding sticks and carrying them around. Whilst he is enriching himself I get to marvel at the glorious trees in what is a very safe environment for a middle aged woman walking alone often in the dark of winter mornings and nights. My dog often brings a smile to passersby as he carries multiple sticks and travels with a broad smile on his face. Seeing the joy he brings to others is a real pleasure. I do not believe that he would achieve the same level of fulfillment if I had to keep him leashed during his daily walks. We invest in time with a professional dog trainer twice a week where he also gets dog pack time. As a result of this ongoing investment, along with his daily walks with myself or other family members we have a safe , calm and interactive dog, confident around people, children and other animals. He has excellent recall and will walk to heel. As a family we are vigilant to monitor his toileting and to clean after him, and also to be aware of impending situations (for example a reactive dog, or an unconfident member of the public). In these situation he is immediately called to heel and put on leash until we have passed the situation. We would be terribly disappointed if the proposed change went ahead and I have no idea how I will go about explaining this change to my dog. As one of many responsible dog owners I would encourage your board to consider this carefully. I also invite you to attend a walk with myself and Charlie and see how much he loves Monte Cecilia Park. I also recognize that proposed changes come after negative experiences from other park users and would be grateful for the opportunity to help putting that right in a more cool structure way than a blanket change to leash policy.

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1820	I do not support the proposed change	In the three years that I have frequented the Monte Cecilia Dog-Bowl almost daily if not every other day and twice on the weekends, I have not seen any people put at risk during the evenings. There have been several dog on dog attacks – but these are few when compared to the many dogs who frequent it daily. The Monte Cecilia Dog-Bowl is a wonderful place that allows the dogs to run and play together, have space to smell and be dogs. Where some of the dogs get too rowdy and needed to be put on the leash the dog owners that are present jump in and break it up. The dogs I see there are happy, and as dog-owners we love it there. We are so grateful that we have a place to exercise our dogs and connect with each other. It is a place to cultivate our well-being with the social connection with other dog-owners. This was my life-line during the lockdowns as I did not have anyone to isolate with. Not a week goes by where we hear of another dog owner discovering the place and comment on what a special park for dogs it is. Turning it to a leash only park at all times penalises the dog owners who come to the park not just to exercise their dogs, but to socialise with other dog owners. The ruling to turn it to a leash only park is an over-reaction to the few complaints that may have happened in the park. I appeal to the Council and the local council members to consider the perspective of the hundreds of dog owners who bring their dog to this park each week against the few complaints and incidents that have happened. I sincerely regret that those incidents have taken place. However, it will not solve the issue.
1846	I support the proposed change	i and many others around where i live have a phobia of dogs, many dogs leave the park not on leashes and come near our homes. my neighbours cat was killed by a dog from the park and i have had random dogs run inside my house.
1899	I support the proposed change	People do not follow rules. I have had our picnic at Monte Cecelia park interrupted by a dog running through our picnic and all over the food. It was supposed to be on a leash, but the owner disobeyed the rules. Bottom line....a lot of people cannot be trusted to obey rules, so better to have a blanket rule about dogs being on leashes when they are in a public space.

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1908	I do not support the proposed change	Dog owners in the bowl area typically throw balls or frisbees to give their dogs some good physical exercise during the day. Some breeds especially need activity that extends them. I throw a ball most days to my dog in the bowl area and she loves the exercise. Also, the bowl area is used often by dog owners to socialise their dogs with a range of other dogs at the same time. My dog and many others have really benefitted from this activity while taking the opportunity to talk with other dog owners. The bowl is not near the paved walking track below it and so I don't believe the current off-leash policy impinges on the rights and privileges of the public who do not own dogs. Finally, I believe it would be unduly onerous on current dog owners to get them to travel significantly further distances to significantly exercise and socialise their dogs in an off-leash area.
1927	I do not support the proposed change	This park is culturally and socially significant location for dog owners and people come all over Auckland. There are no other dog free zones similar nearby and is what attracts residents to this area.
1928	I do not support the proposed change	There are fewer places to walk a dog off lead in Puketapapa. Monte Cecilia is one of the few places not near a road and that is popular among dog walkers. With the increase in dog ownership it seems counter intuitive to remove off leash areas. Instead increase dog patrols to fine those not obeying the rules and picking up after their dog. With dog ownership rise make more places off leash not take it away; this will only create more problems with people walking their dog off leash in areas they shouldn't. I already see many people walking dogs off leash on public footpaths!
1934	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecelia Park is a hugely patronized park for local dogs to run freely and socialize with each other. Dogs need regular exercise and socializing, and this park is ideal in that it is huge so there is plenty of room for dogs and members of the public to coexist safely, and also it is safe for the dogs as it is almost completely fenced. Please do not change the rules allowing dogs to be off leash and run free at this park. We do not have many safe parks for dogs to exercise off leash in this area. ██████
1972	Other (please explain below)	There needs to be a specific time when dogs can be off leash and not. This would help those who are afraid of dogs use the time when they are onleash.

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1993	I do not support the proposed change	I have been coming to Monte Cecilia Park with my dog Tommy (cavoodle) for three years now. It is a wonderful and safe park (far away from roads and cars) to allow Tommy to exercise off lead. The natural bowl provides ample space to throw a ball and let him play with other dogs. The like-minded doggo and human friends we have found within this park is testament to the benefit it offers to the wider community. It would be a significant shame to lose this park as our off-leash exercise area as it is rare to find such a safe and vast space in the city to walk our furbabies. Please do not change the Policy rules.
2210	I do not support the proposed change	The current mix of on lead and off lead works well. If there is no off lead then there is nowhere to let dogs off in a safe area in the Hillsborough area If you are worried about off lead then put a fence around the off lead area so dogs can still enjoy , it is common in Australia where dogs are allowed off lead within a fenced area
2284	I do not support the proposed change	Other users of the park have plenty of other space to enjoy the park if risk is a concern. The bowl provides a natural containment zone for dogs and I've rarely seen them outside where they should be. Also, it is such a rich community asset. There's a large dog owning community who meet up regularly. Our golden retriever community have meet ups there all the time. Given the containing nature of the bowl and that dogs rarely stray from the bowl towards the oaths or other areas of the park, could better signage be an option warning other users of the park that that area is dog off leash?
2382	I do not support the proposed change	I have been taking my dog to the bowl for the last 6 years and have never had any or seen any issues with non dog owners being in any danger such as a running dog which owners are aware to keep an eye on so they don't accidentally get bowled. It's a happy space for dogs to be off lead and interact with other dogs and fetch the ball or play toy. If the current bylaw was policed then any roaming dogs on the loop track would not be an issue as the \$300 fine is a significant deterrent so owners keep their dogs on lead and under control. The loop track is where I know issues have occurred between dogs barking at and/or chasing fast moving runners and cyclists and some walkers. There is a south side bowl where people can go without any off lead dogs under the current rules.
2471	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia park is used by a huge number of dog owners. We have been going to this park for over a decade with our dog and have lots of fond memories there. We have always had positive experiences at the park with other responsible dog owners. The cafe and remaining park are far enough distance away for others who do not wish to interact with dogs to have space. It's also a good park from accessibility perspective - where other local off leash dog parks (such as big king and meola reef) in the area are not (wheelchair or pram friendly)

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2491	I do not support the proposed change	There are a large number of Dog owners and dogs visit monte Cecilia daily. It is social for both owners and dogs. People look after the area there is never any dog poo left and dogs are well behaved. The off lead area is well away from car parks and cafe making it safe for dogs and also general public. It is a large area and general public can enjoy the walk and park in the on lead dog area if they don't like dogs. There are limited off lead dog parks that are safe in the area.
2499	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to be able to have some free time for running and exercise. Many of us are an aging population and not runners. Our dogs need more free play and space than city streets and local housing sections provide
2590	I do not support the proposed change	It is a safe park for dogs to be free. The dip in the area makes it safer for people. We don't own a dog but have been there with friends. It is beautiful to see between 20 to 40 dogs playing together
2602	I do not support the proposed change	This off-leash area is an important community gathering place. Every afternoon many people and dogs come together to socialise. It creates a positive sense of connection and belonging for many.
2610	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the few off leash dog areas that is frequented by responsible dog owners who take care of the park, ensure dogs are under control and generally abide by the rules. Having the bowl off leash all day means that this park is accessible to all dog owners regardless of their timetable. It would be good to understand why this proposed change is being considered but until such time I do not support this proposed change. The council is making fewer and fewer areas available to dog owners for off leash exercise. With Monte Cecilia if the council invested money in some large clear signage that advised park users when they are entering an off lead dog area and when they are entering an on lead dog area this would probably solve most of the issues. I suspect issues have arisen by people having picnics in the off leash dog area not understanding that the other side of the park is where they should picnic and dogs must be on lead. Please reconsider this proposal - seems a harsh measure for dog owners who enjoy the park and abide by the rules.
2753	I do not support the proposed change	Chance for dogs and owners to socially congregate together
2774	I support the proposed change	It's a controlled environment where animals should be free to Rome. Its a local park for my dog to play with freely without being tugged on a leash

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2810	Other (please explain below)	I find this confusing, and so do the Council Rangers; those I have talked to could not give a definitive answer on where the off-leash area ends. Clearly paths are not a problem as the lower one is off-leash, the upper on-leash. I find the designation arbitrary and do not understand why one bowl is on, the other off - and again, neither do the Rangers. Unfortunately, a rule that is not understood is often ignored, especially given that the park is largely self-policing. I have been walking dogs there for around ten years and have only come across two incidents, both resolved by owners voluntarily removing their dogs from the area. At one time I thought the division could be because of youth events held in the bowl in front of the Homestead - but orientation courses are held all over the park, so I can't see how that can be the case. Clearly you don't want dogs wandering on the approaches from the main roads. However, I cannot see why the area bounded by the main path, and possibly by the path around the grassed section containing the new "1001 Spheres" sculpture, cannot be designated off-leash. There is already provision, as I understand it, for restriction during youth events, and I would be happy for that to continue. Monte Cecilia is a gem appreciated by all who use it. I would suggest that the current de facto off-leash areas outlined above be formalised. I believe to do otherwise would create undeserved ill-will towards the Council, who do an excellent job of stewardship of this asset.
3165	I do not support the proposed change	A huge number of people use this off-leash area of the park to socialise their dogs and let them play in a neutral environment. There are not many other places nearby that offer this kind of environment to let well behaved dogs off leash, it would be a huge punishment for responsible dog owners if these rules whole park was to become on leash. If anything, the rules should be changed so the entire park can be enjoyed off-leash by responsible dog owners and their well behaved dogs! I often take my dog to this park and he loves being able to run around and play with a huge number of other dogs, it is great without the need to have them on leads and getting all tangled up, leading to frustration and increased stress.
3199	I support the proposed change	Monte Cecelia Park is large enough to accommodate ALL user. As someone who uses M.C Park two mornings per week and most evenings, there is a large number of dog owners who use M.C Park throughout the day and evenings. These people can regularly be seen gathering, chatting, getting to know one another, exchanging information and creating COMMUNITY!!! Not all dogs can achieve sufficient exercise while on-lead. Not all dog owners are able to run along-side their dog in order for the dog to get sufficient exercise/ Dogs who are allowed to socialize, to sniff, to explore are calmer, less likely to be aggressive, happier, more likely to be healthier and therefore easier for owners to control

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3390	I do not support the proposed change	Dear council Part of your purpose is to improve the wellbeing of the population of Auckland, and this proposal to disallow dogs off-leash at places like Monte Cecilia directly contravenes that. Medical research is clear that owning animals improves people's health and wellbeing - and every responsible pet owner knows how important it is for their dogs to run free. We have owned dogs for more than 20 years, and they have brought such joy to our family. It is impossible to compare walking a dog on a lead with the experience of having them run free and romp with other dogs. Dogs that have that experience burn off steam, become better socialised, and are happier, healthier pets. PLEASE keep places like Monte Cecilia available as off-leash areas. If you are concerned about irresponsible dog owners, let's put cameras by parking lots and park entrances and exits to help identify them.
3440	I do not support the proposed change	Kia ora I have been taking my two dogs to Monte Cecilia Park for 10 years. It is a wonderful park for dogs and their owners alike. The ability to have the dogs off leash, and let them run is vital for me, who has a dog that needs a lot of exercise - being able to throw a ball for her that she can freely chase, is essential of both our wellbeing! The only issue I have encountered with dog use at Monte Cecelia over the years was when the dog walking packs with heaps of dogs came to the bowl, but that has nothing to do with the off leash aspect of the policy rules affecting individual dog owners. In order for significant risk to be identified surely councillors would need to visit the bowl - Observe - Talk with dog owners. Has that happened? The Council also needs to outline what these significant risks are. Once outlined it would then need to be determined if these risks are indeed significant, if they outway the current benefits, which for me and my whanau are indeed significant. Take off the leash areas away and this will in my view create more unsafe spaces in other areas - as where do we take our dogs to exercise if we loose safe spaces? ██████████ ██████
3459	I support the proposed change	It will reduce the risk and danger tot he public

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3492	I do not support the proposed change	That offleash area is used by so many local dogs and a great place for dogs to interact. My dog loves to play fetch in that area and we wouldn't be able to do that if she was on leash. Monte is my most local park and is key to my dog getting enough exercise (she is a border collie) so an onleash walk is not enough exercise by itself. This would increase our car use and decrease our use of the park.
3546	I do not support the proposed change	This is a well frequented park that is enjoyed by people and their dogs off leash. Changing the rules will reduce the activity and use of this park to detrimental effect.
3583	I do not support the proposed change	It is ESSENTIAL to all dogs under BEHAVIOURAL CONTROL, to have off leash times to socialize, exercise and play. Monte Cecilia Park is a great example of happy, well behaved and controlled dogs I have ever experienced in all the years and different locations my dogs and I have lived. I absolutely do not agree with this Blanket Proposal to disadvantage both dogs and their owners at the expense of so few negative outcomes, or cost cutting by Councils not wanting to enforce the existing by- laws. The quality of our dogs' lives is in serious jeopardy should the rules change. Many of the dogs and owners have been coming to Monte Cecelia for years. How will the dogs adjust to such a cruel change? I LOUDLY PROTEST!
3592	I do not support the proposed change	All my comments are to be considered from above to this point. Allow fair use by animals and public
3608	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the only places in the area that you can currently take dogs off-leash. There would probably be hundreds or more of people every week that enjoy taking their dogs to this park to play and socialise with other dogs off leash. If anything the rules should be changed to make the entire reserve off leash!!

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3653	I do not support the proposed change	I am not led to believe that the issues with dogs being in the Monte Cecilia park are singularly resulting from the off lease activity occurring within the current designated "bowl " area . Rather it is the disappointing behaviour of a significant number of people walking their dogs around the park perimeter tracks and also allowing their dogs to play unleashed in the other second "bowl" area . I have a dog older than 6 years and have been taking her to Monte Cecilia for over 6 years - purposefully to socialise / play with other dogs off leash - we are very regular attendees - usually 3-4 times per week - and especially on weekend mornings . This has been the most safe and responsible dog off leash play areas that I have tried . People using the park for their own walking recreation only access this bowl area if they wish and most dont . What I would understand is that most complaints and indeed incidents occur elsewhere and not in the off leash bowl . Over years I have often spoken to dog walkers in the park and pointed out the "rules" of onleash and offleash - and most have not seen the signs or understood the map . I would like to respectfully suggest that it is unfair to remove access and enjoyment of a resource for the people who predominantly do not ignore rules and uphold the safety of others in order to manage the poor and arrogant behaviour of others. I would suggest that clearer and very explicit signage would be a start - including obvious signage at the location of the only off leash area - and sensibly locate bins right there as well to make it obvious . There are in essence 3 access points into the park and it would be possible to sign that dogs are only to go straight to the off leash area and everywhere else is "no dogs" if that would be a compromise to better managing those who refuse to walk on leash throughout the park. If dog owners wish to walk throughout a park onleash then they can use Cornwall Park which affords them a similar experience

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3681	I do not support the proposed change	THIS IS ABOUT COMMUNITY, FREEDOM, AND FAIRNESS Monte Cecilia Park is one of the very few remaining spaces in Puketāpapa, Tāmaki Makaurau where dogs can be off-leash. It is a place of connection—a space where dogs run, people gather, and community thrives. The proposal to restrict the bowl area to on-leash use is not about safety; it's a cost-cutting shortcut that ignores real solutions and punishes responsible dog owners. A LAZY FIX THAT FAILS EVERYONE Instead of investing in fencing, signage, CCTV, and proper enforcement, the council is taking the easy way out. Other countries successfully balance off-leash access with public safety—why is Auckland settling for less? WHAT WORKS IN OTHER COUNTRIES? In places like the United States, Canada, and parts of Europe, off-leash dog parks are designed with safety, organization, and community well-being in mind. Auckland should be looking at proven international models instead of imposing a blanket restriction. How the U.S. Does It Right: ✓ Fully Enclosed Off-Leash Areas – Parks are fenced with double-gated entry points, reducing the risk of dogs escaping and ensuring controlled access. ✓ Size-Specific Play Zones – Many parks separate large and small dogs, preventing intimidation or injury while ensuring all dogs can socialize safely. ✓ CCTV Surveillance & Park Rangers – Cameras monitor activity for safety, rule enforcement, and incident resolution, while park rangers ensure compliance with park rules. ✓ Clear Rules & Responsible Ownership – Well-placed signage reminds owners of leash laws, waste disposal and behavior expectations. ✓ Amenities for Comfort & Cleanliness – U.S. parks invest in waste stations, water
3710	I do not support the proposed change	This park is a dog heaven, every day without fail a great number of dog owners gather at the park to give our dogs a good amount of social time and exercise. As a frequent user of the park, I would say 95% of the people who use the park are dog owners. Removing the off-leash part will be to the detriment of such a beautiful park, as it would remove the majority of people who actually use it. It would impact the local cafe as most people grab a coffee and Cinnabon/scone after walking their dogs. If there is concern about people's safety from reckless owners is there a better way to manage it, like installing a camera. We have been using the park for many years, and it will be an absolute shame to lose it for the community. The highlight of my morning is to take our dog to the bowl and let him run free with other dogs. I strongly oppose this idea

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3902	I do not support the proposed change	WE HAVE BEEN REGULAR VISITORS TO MONTE CECILIA, WE LIVE LOCALLY AND FREQUENT THE PARK TWICE PER DAY, SOMETIMES MORE, WE HAVE TWO SMALL BRUSSELS GRIFFON DOGS, AND THEY LOVE TO BE OFF LEASH TO RUN AND PLAY FREELY, ITS A NATURAL THING FOR DOGS TO DO AND PROMOTES SOCIAL INTERACTION AND EXERCISE, ADDITIONALLY, THIS INTERACTION AT THE PARK INCLUDES HUMANS, AND THIS IS A VALUABLE SOCIAL AND MENTAL BENEFIT, TALKING TO OTHER DOG OWNERS, MEETING OTHER PEOPLE WHO LIVE LOCALLY ETC ETC. IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY FOR THE OFF LEASH AREA TO BE REVERSED, AND WOULD AFFECT HUMANS AND DOGS ALIKE, WE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANY RISK IN THE MANY YEARS GOING THERE TO EITHER HUMANS OR DOGS, IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY INCIDENTS, I AM SURE THE PERCENTAGE WOULD BE EXTREMELY LOW COMPARED TO THE NON INCIDENT DAYS AND IT WOULD BE A KNEE JERK REACTION TO CHANGE THE RULES FOR A FEW ISOLATED INCIDENTS IF THERE INDEED HAS BEEN ANY!!
4059	I do not support the proposed change	Council should be looking at ways of improving the number of areas dogs can be exercised and socialised within Auckland. Proposed changes look to limit this considerably. Proposed changes look to penalise good dog owners that do the right thing by limiting access across Auckland rather than addressing the real issue which is irresponsible dog owners with menacing dog breeds. This park is one of a limited number of local parks can be exercised and socialised in a safe fenced area and should be left as is.

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4201	I do not support the proposed change	It is stated in the 'Proposed updates to dog access rules at local parks and beaches' that: "Auckland's growing population, development and increase in dog ownership has brought new challenges." Monte Cecilia's off-leash bowl is ideal as off-leash area to meet these challenges because it: Is a large off-leash area that is well away from traffic and with good sight lines for owners to control and recall their dogs. Has the carpark (approx 150m or so from the Hillsborough Rd park entrance) which enables owners to have their dog safely exit and enter their vehicle and gives owners time to calm their dog on leash before entering the off-leash bowl. Has many facilities and draw of Monte Cecilia wider park/homestead/cafe that gives ample opportunity for dogs to socialise with many other dogs and humans which is of benefit to all park users, both dog owners and non-dog owners. Gives increased dog (and human) socialisation which leads to improved, safer interaction of dogs and people. Without spaces like Monte Cecilia's bowl which is of an appropriate scale, Auckland Council's issues of unsafe interaction between people and dogs will not be addressed and may increase; particularly when forcing dog owners to exercise their dogs at off-leash areas which are small and next to busy suburban roads. Enhances Auckland Council's commitment to create social networks and mental well-being for Aucklanders; the ability for dog owners to meet with other people,
4205	I do not support the proposed change	We live very close to this park and visit here with our dog multiple times a day for a period of 6 years, sometimes using on leash areas and sometimes using the off leash area. During this time we have observed a strong sense of community of dog owners meeting together for their dogs (and selves) to socialize and exercise, both of which are vital for happy/healthy dogs and owners. I have never encountered a situation where I felt the off leash area posed a risk to the public. The area is extensively used and enjoyed by dog owners and dog lovers and I think this would be a massive loss to the community if there was no off leash area. Suggest that the risk to the public should be quantified and we should look at alternatives to mitigate this risk, such as clearer signage and enforcement for people not following the rules. Monte Cecilia park is a large park and I believe there is enough room for everyone to enjoy this including retaining the off leash area, as there is still extensive areas for people to use for other purposes outside of this area if they don't want to be around dogs.

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4219	I do not support the proposed change	The off leash area is a wonderful safe place for dogs to run and play. We have found the dogs which go there are well trained and respect other dogs and people. There is also a really nice community of dog owners who use the park. I recall an older couple who we all knew and sadly he passed away suddenly and the dog owner community really rallied to ensure she was able to keep coming to the park with the dog.
4221	I do not support the proposed change	The natural bowl of Monte Cecelia creates an area that is very suitable for dogs off lead as they can be easily sighted by their owners and kept under control. This area is extensively used by dog owners and does not impinge on use of the rest of the park by non-dog owners as there remains ample space for them to stay out of the dog use area and still thoroughly enjoy the park. It is becoming more and more difficult for dog owners to find and access local off-lead dog areas that can be easily walked to and the Monte Cecelia park is such a jewel as it is such a pretty park with stunning trees and an outstanding outlook up to OTH and over the Manukau Harbour. My dog and I regularly enjoy the trees and vista as we circumnavigate the perimeter of the park and play/exercise in the off lead area. A very active breed such as my dog(German Shorthaired Pointer) needs 0.5hr of running per day to keep them in good physical and mental health and there are many similar active breeds that use the Monte Cecelia bowl off-lead area on a daily basis. I believe the present systems works adequately and I think it would be a sad day if it were to be changed at the expense of our active dogs and their owners when there is adequate room outside of the bowl for non-dog people to use. I am happy to be contacted on [REDACTED]
4280	I support the proposed change	Monte Cecelia park is an awesome reserve and I frequently walk my dog there. The signage is clear with regard to the off leash area but many dog owners let their dogs run unchecked all over the park. Several times I have had to pick up my leashed puppy after an "ownerless" dog has approached. The problem is irresponsible dog owners spoiling the park and whilst I welcome the idea of off leash parks, some dog owners just shouldn't have dogs at all
4298	I support the proposed change	I will no longer visit local parks due to the amount of dogs that are off leash or with no responsible owners.
4312	I do not support the proposed change	The park is a safe and large enough area for dogs to perfectly be fine off lead. Many travel a ways to visit this park specifically for this reason. I for one wouldn't visit the park as much as I currently do (which is every single day) if the rules were changed regarding off leash areas.
4335	I do not support the proposed change	Not impressed with once again dog owners being given a hard time if this madness continues there will be no enjoyment for dogs and owners in regards to off leash areas I have owned dogs for 60 years in my many many walks really don't see many problems in fact I find the vast majority of dog owners to be very considerate and responsible I think it is very unfair as a dog owner who pays registrations etc to be treated as people who are at the very bottom of barrel in regards to how we feel with more and more places with signs saying NO DOGS ALLOWED from what I see big changes do not need to take place if so it is just another beat up on dog owners

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4340	I do not support the proposed change	This dog area is popular with so many dog owners and provided people keep dogs within the designated area now it should remain so. Maybe Council can put up clearer signage to indicate this area or a fence around the bowl. More rubbish bins would be helpful for doggy litter.
4358	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs also need places to go off leash to exercise and be enriched. Monte Cecilia Park is a busy park BUT it has many areas to use for all the people who use it. Needing to 'protect' park users from off leash dogs indicates that dogs are inherently not safe when this is not the case. The majority of dogs and dog owners are good. Increasing the users of this park is good for all. More eyes and people positively activating the park, especially in the early mornings and late evenings is a good thing for all.
4364	I do not support the proposed change	What is the significant risk?
4366	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support this proposed change. The off-leash area in Monte Cecilia Park is one of the few spaces where dogs can exercise freely. There are many other places where people can walk without dogs. Reducing off-leash areas will only make it harder for responsible dog owners to give their pets the exercise they need.
4391	I do not support the proposed change	I can only go here on days when my knees are good as it is a gravel surface for a lot of the walk. However, it is pleasant and the existing dog area is quite good for socialization for dogs which is very important if you want well rounded dogs that are good with people. No socialisation means dogs are fearful or anxious around people which is when they bite! Dogs should be given more chances to socialize, not less. The top field by the car park and the one outside the homestead are the best places to exercise a dog as they are flat and the dogs can chase the ball with no issues. Auckland seems to be becoming a Nazi state with all of its restrictions on anything we do. So which council govt/council member is a dog hater? the same one who hates cars and wants us out of them? I will be voting on this issue for sure next time!
4424	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs cannot exercise on a leash. You can easily fix this by fencing off an area for dogs off leash only. this allows people to enjoy the park with their pets, those who do not like dogs will be protected.
4432	I support the proposed change	Because many people do not obey or respect the area and have their dogs off leash all over the park even from the minute their dog/dogs get out of the vehicle in the car park.

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4433	I do not support the proposed change	As I have set out in the general comments it is important to have an off leash area to benefit both owners and dogs. I walked my dog at this park almost every day over the last 14 years so I have seen a lot of interaction between dogs and people. Generally the people who don't have dogs stay on the paths and keep away from the dogs in the off leash area. I see no reason or logic to change the rules at this park and I certainly disagree with the inflammatory language used that currently there is 'significant risk' to people currently. That statement is just not correct as over 14 years I have never seen anyone suffer significant risk from a dog at this park.
4436	I support the proposed change	The park has become a much more people orientated area, with significant numbers of families using it, therefore increasing the chance of conflicts. Many dog owners have been disregarding the limits as to where dogs can be off leash, so it seems better to have the entire area as on-leash. The area has also become too popular with pack walkers who just drive to the car park and then take multiple dogs into the bowl area, without always showing any respect for other users, including other dog owners.
4448	I do not support the proposed change	Off leash and safe dog areas are hard enough to find in Auckland. I have been walking my dog off leash at this park for over 6 years. It's a great place to be able to walk and exercise my dog off leash where I can throw him balls and sticks. If this becomes an on leash only park, then I won't attend this park anymore, nor will I frequent the cafe at the top of the park which will heavily impact there business in an already struggling industry. I therefore request that Auckland Council changes their opinion on the changes planned for this park and leave it off lead.
4478	I support the proposed change	Current rule is not adhered to by most dog owners who treat the entire park as off leash with limited or no control
4605	I do not support the proposed change	My family and I strongly oppose the proposed changes, I support the continuation of the existing bylaw where Dogs are allowed under control off a leash at all times (Schedule 2) in the naturally formed bowl on the north-eastern side of the park between Pah Homestead and the Knoll. The present bylaw allows us to exercise our dog by allowing him to run and fetch a ball. We have always had had such a special time walking our dog in the park and he will not get the exercise he needs on a leash. We have never experienced any problems with other dogs off leash, in fact it is a great community feel and a place for dog owners and dogs to play together. All the dog owners are very responsible with picking up dog excrement and keeping their dogs on leash on the footpaths. I would be extremely disappointed with the council if the present bylaw changes and will express this dissatisfaction in the upcoming Auckland City council elections. This is the only unleash park I feel safe to walk my dog on my own where my dog wont be threatened. The only park we use as a family regularly and I am heartbroken to think I will not be able to properly exercise my dog at Monte Cecilia Park. Please see sense and value the hundreds of people I see every week peaceably exercising their dogs off leash in Monte Cecilia Park

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4810	I do not support the proposed change	The naturally formed bowl is perfect to train puppies and exercise our dogs in a contained area. The bowl has very little use otherwise as the undulating ground is not easy for people/walkers but dogs love it. It's a safe place for pet owners and pets to come together and socialize. There's no risk of vehicles or cars which makes it safe for dogs. As there's no children's play area in the park, it's also well suited for dogs that are anxious or do not cope well with noise. Please retain the current off leash area in the park.
4848	Other (please explain below)	This is a great park for dogs. I use it regularly and really enjoy it and have never seen any issues arise from having dogs off leash in the bowl. Having said that I am aware that the majority of dog owners keep their dogs off leash around the entire park. I propose making the entire park off leash from 6-9 am and 6-9pm and either prohibiting dogs the rest of the time or having them on leash only
4883	I support the proposed change	The following is my submission in respect of the review of the Dog Bylaws and proposed changes, as they relate to Monte Cecilia Park in Puketapapa. "The launch of the council's "Any dog can bite" campaign is a timely reminder to dog owners and families of their responsibilities, says Auckland Council's Manager Animal Management Elly Waitoa." From my observations of people walking with their dogs at Monte Cecilia Park in Hillsborough, it is abundantly clear to me that certain responsibilities are not being taken seriously, and that bylaws pertaining to this particular park are being ignored. Dogs are being allowed off-leash in areas beyond the prescribed 'off-leash' bowl, as marked on signage at each entrance to the park. My latest observations were made on Saturday 15th February, 2025, well within the timeframe of a petition in which hundreds of dog owners seek to sway the Local Board away from its proposal to designate the entire Monte Cecilia Park dogs on-leash. One could think that behaviours might have changed, given the spotlight on the issue, with dog owners strictly toeing the line when it comes to putting their dog on its leash at all times in those park areas designated on-leash. But no, from what I saw on Saturday, the cavalier attitude of the majority of those walking dogs was as evident as always. In my walk around the perimeter path - on-leash areas - I encountered or observed eleven dogs and their human. Just three dogs were on their leash as required. I spoke to three of the walkers during my walk, to remind them of the on-leash requirement. The first (whose dog licked the back of my wife's leg) responded "Oh, I've signed the paper that I want my dog off-leash. [sic]", and blithely walked on
4896	I do not support the proposed change	Currently off leash in only a small part of the park. That leaves the whole of the rest of the park for picnic people.

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4910	I do not support the proposed change	The access for dogs off leash at Monte Cecilia is very limited now and to completely exclude off leash walking is unfair. I fail to see how this policy is balanced and having walked my dog here for many years, I have never seen any incidents that validate a change in policy, that is this quite frankly, draconian. It appears to be driven by a small but vocal group who probably don't wish to have dogs in the park, period. According to the premise of these changes, they are proposed to give a "fair go" to all groups, to ensure there is NO off leash areas available, is to the detriment of one large group of park users and sadly bending to the will of, I believe one small group. Anecdotally I personally believe in recent years there has been a very large growth in dog ownership in Auckland generally. Therefore its stands to reason there should be more not less off leash areas to cater for a large and growing group, that are dog owners.
4999	I do not support the proposed change	I have been taking my dog to the off leash area at Monte Celia park for the last 2 years and have never seen any safety concerns from dogs off lead. I feel that dogs need a safe area to be off lead in order to socialise and mix with other dogs, it seemed to be a very safe and recommended safe area to take my dog when she was a puppy to learn to interact with other dogs. It has an amazing sense of community spirit and I would have thought that the council would want to create areas that encourage community connections and sharing of information amongst dog owners in Auckland. It is with great sadness that I read of this proposed change as I don't think it will be the same when there is no off lead place. I have been invited to two picnics in the bowl area and it has been wonderful to get to know more people in my local community.
5024	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few "off-leash" exercise areas for dogs in my area and the "bowl" at Monte Cecilia provides a rare place dogs can be socialised, away from roads and playgrounds. The current area is easily defined and with the addition of some more signage it would be possible for people and dogs to use the park safely and to be segregated if required. My family and I take our dogs to this area at least once a week and we love it and so do our dogs. I find other dog owners in the area are attentive and caring, I have never witnessed any problems apart from dog poo left behind. The council could do more to encourage people to pick up after their dogs. Thanks for your consideration.
5070	I do not support the proposed change	This is a fantastic park with a great space to have dogs off lead. If the rules change no one will go to the park.

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5197	I do not support the proposed change	I have been using this park for 30 years now im a local and have walked my dogs to the park and then let them off to run. Dogs are not just our pets they are our family and they should be allowed to express themselves and have a run in a park. Otherwise we will have to let them off to run in other areas instead. Everyone that comes to this park have really friendly dogs we are all happy people and have lovely well trained dogs. We clean up after our dogs always there is never any mess. We are wondering why you want to change something that's not broken. We engage with all the residents from the surrounding old folks villages and they love to stop and pat and talk about our dogs. It's a family friendly place . I feel that the council is discrimination against dog owners and dogs. I also think the council running around chasing people to scan their dogs and charge them \$200 per dog if they catch you stepping over the line of off leash in the park is mean and the council staff are creating animosity and ruining the enjoyment of life out in the community. I do not support change . Stop changing the rules to make it hard to live in Auckland. It's becoming a sad depressing town to live in. Where our council are after us for our money. I grew up here and can't wait to leave for another town.
5329	I do not support the proposed change	I am very disappointed about this change because I run my dogs at the beautiful grounds of Monte Cecilia Park and I do not want it to CHANGE to on leash at all times. There are few areas that we can go locally that are off leash and only one part of that park is off leash. I pick up after my dogs, I register my dogs, I play by the rules. Cat owners are not subject to any rules and it is totally unfair that dogs are targetted. The park is a wonderful place for dogs to be socialised not victimised.
5342	I do not support the proposed change	The area you're wanting to protect users in is a very small proportion of the park. In addition, you went there you'd see that this is NOT an area used by those without dogs. Users of the park who don't have dogs do the park circuit or parts of it; go to the part of the park the other side of the trees near Millennial Walk and the orchard; near Pah Homestead or at the Mt Albert Rd side where the sculpture is. There is plenty of park for both dog owners and non dog owners and as a dog owner who has walked there most days for 3+ years I see The park shared responsibly by both dog owners and non dog owners. This appears nothing more than a ban- no thought has been given to the impact of the 3 Puketapapa parks dog owners descending on either of the 2 designated off leash parks in the area. If you persist treating dog owners as second class citizens I predict that owners will go in the early or late hours, let the dog off leash to exercise and litter, get back in the car and drive off. There will be reduced self policing in the form of owners pointing out dog litter to other owners or helping them pick it up. Please deal with the root cause of the problem and engage responsible dog owners to help rather than punishing all of us.

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5452	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules work fine and there is no reason to change something that isn't broken. Our dogs need off leash area at this park and the bowl is a safe place for them to be offleash and they have a dedicated area there which is not used by people just walking in the park anyway. We strongly oppose this proposed change.
5468	I do not support the proposed change	This is our local park. It is a wonderful resource for local dog owners. It serves as a focal point for dog owners to meet and talk while their dogs run around. The Basin is quite steep and really well suited to die running around but would be largely underused by anyone else.
5573	I do not support the proposed change	This is a sparsely used area that is valuable for letting dogs have a run.
5614	I support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia I am a frequent and local user of this wonderful park for over 15 years. Since the Covid restrictions a few years back, the number of dogs using the park have hugely increased and dogs and their owners now make up the majority of users of this park. Very few of the dog owners respect the current rule that dogs can only be off leash in the bowl, and most of the dogs run free throughout the park at all times. I am very reluctant to take my grandchildren to the park because experience has repeatedly shown that we may be approached and even harassed by the dogs in the park. It is well known that young children statistically make up a large percentage of dog attack incidences and the consequences of such an attack are far more serious than for adults. Many owners believe that they have control of their dogs when they are off leash, but I have seen many instances of dogs not responding to voice commands from their owners. When I have pointed out the current policy rules to dog owners in the park and ask that they put their dogs on leash outside of the bowl area, I have been totally ignored and often verbally abused by the owner/s. They seem to feel that their dog is not a risk and therefore does not need to be on a lead. The key issue is that when dogs are not on leash, there is no guarantee that the owner has control of their dog. This is an unreasonable risk to both my grandchildren and myself. This disregard for the legal requirements of keeping their dog on lead greatly impacts on my enjoyment and use of the park. This is in stark contrast to the better experience at Cornwall Park, where all dogs

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5635	I do not support the proposed change	This is , for me, anyway, as an elderly citizen the only park I can take my small dog to exercise. She has a collapsible trachea (many different causes) and needs to be free within the whole park. She cannot walk along streets, and, for my mental health I need access to this park. I need to sit on a backed chair also. She gets knocked by dogs playing in the off leash bowl. I've never seen dogs cause problems in sharing the whole park off leash. Though not currently law full. No body gets knocked or falls! Let alone me. I have M.E. I can talk with folk, throw her ball (controlled for her, and respectful of other users) I have been advocating for exemptions to the on leash rule (not further restrictions) I wish to see a more flexible approach or someone like me. Much more to my story, but I guess that outlines this.
5671	I do not support the proposed change	There isn't enough justifications to why this change go ahead. The current policy rule is working fine from an subjective view. Unless justification with adequate evidence is provided (in consideration of how the social and financial impact this will have) I personally stands for the current rules and do not wish for the rules to amend.
5714	I do not support the proposed change	It is a perfect place for dogs to run off leash
5715	I do not support the proposed change	This is the only safe local park anywhere remotely close to us. You are taking away enjoyment from both dogs and dog owners. Dogs and park goers have enjoyed this space together forever. Please don't take this joy away from us given that we have elected you into power.
5724	I do not support the proposed change	This is our only local park where dogs are off leash and can run around and play with other dogs without worrying about cars and other things. If you make this park on leash also, we've got no where else to take our dogs. I've got a border collie who requires a large piece of land to run on.
5726	I do not support the proposed change	Monte cecila is a well loved park for many local dogs and their owners. I have never had or witnessed any negative interactions in the park from having dogs off leash. This is a thriving community enjoyed by many. Its a vital park for local dogs owners to responsibly exercise their dogs . Please keep it this way.
5736	I do not support the proposed change	This is a popular park for dog owners to let their dogs run off-leash and free in the bowl area. It would be a shame to not allow that anymore. Those dogs and owners are not usually the problem. It's the owners who let their dogs roam off leash on the walkways that are the issue. They often don't have control of their dogs and don't pick up after them when they toilet as they're out of sight. There are signs all over the park to not let your dogs off-leash outside the bowl area but so many ignore them. This needs to be enforced more with periodic patrols.

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5741	I do not support the proposed change	I think this proposal is ridiculous, there is a large community of dog owners who use this park on a daily basis because of it's off leash area. There are not many areas in the central city where dogs can run around in a large area unleashed, The natural bowl creates a safe area for dogs to run around in and play with other dogs and I'd be absolutely gutted for the dog loving community if that was no longer viable for us. It's a big park, there is plenty of room for everyone. I take my dog there almost daily and have never witnessed dogs being unsafe or being a nuisance to the general public. There are far bigger safety concerns in Monte Cecilia park, for instance the large branches from the big old trees falling down every other week. If one of those landed on you you'd likely be seriously injured or killed, Are you intending on amending that foremost? That's a safety concern that should be your focus, it's been going on for at least a decade now and I'm surprised nobody has been seriously hurt. So dogs being a public safety issue in the park?? How about you shift your focus and look at the real issues, I view this proposal as unreasonable and I implore the Auckland council to reconsider and let the unleashed area be.
5802	I do not support the proposed change	I visit here often with my dog, it has always been a beautiful spot to go to as all the dogs interact so nicely together running around chasing balls. I have never one experienced an out of control dog here and am here often. I also love the way walkers and other dog owners stop by to have a chat and watch the dogs play.
5809	I do not support the proposed change	This off leash area is an integral part of the dog owning community. The area is renowned for its friendly and community spirit for both the dogs and their owners. Making this a on leash area would completely change the balance of interactions as people would merely move through the area without interacting.
5814	I support the proposed change	Unsafe if dogs are not trained properly and the dogs are racing around .
5816	I do not support the proposed change	The current off leash area is ideal for off leash dogs as people not walking dogs keep almost exclusively to the paths and do not walk on this area. The dogs are well behaved and people adhere to the on leash rules outside this area. I visit extensively WITHOUT a dog and have never seen out of control animals or people without dogs being threatened. There are limited areas for off leash exercise & socialisation in the area and I would strongly oppose removing Monte Cecilia as a venue.
5844	I do not support the proposed change	As a regular user of this park with my whanau and our two dogs, we follow all of the off leash and on leash area rules and just love this park. We use it to walk our dogs throughout the day as I work from home. There is a wonderful community feel here and different people and dogs use the area at different times of the day. There are few parks with a reasonable sized off-leash area and it's so lovely to be able to bring our dogs down for a play and some exercise and have a chat with other dog owners. Having read the history of the park before it was gifted to the council, it's wonderful to be able to bring our dogs to a place with a rich 'doggy' history as I'm sure was intended. Please don't minimise the few off leash exercise areas in left in central Auckland further.

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5845	I do not support the proposed change	I live next in a retirement village next door to Monte Cecilia Park and one of the main reasons I chose this village was so that I could walk my small dog off leash in the designated area. The majority of people walking there are responsible dog owners. It is a delight to watch the dogs off leash running free in the appropriate area, so I strongly disagree with the proposed change
5866	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia is an amazing park for dog owners and we use it regularly. There are not many accessible parks for dogs to be off leash and there are hardly any issues at monte Cecilia. Please keep it off leash
5874	I do not support the proposed change	For 4 years I have regularly walked my dog at Monte Cecelia, both off-leash in the bowl and on-leash in the rest of the park. This is a favourite past time for my dog, my kids and me and it would be wildly unfair to take this opportunity for play and exercise away from us and other locals. Out of hundreds of walks, I have encountered an aggressive dog (and aggressive dog owner) just once in this park. They were not regulars at MC, and this would not have been prevented by a change in rules. The bowl itself when there's a group of dogs there playing together is so great! The owners all stand around chatting while the dogs zoom and play, it's safe and friendly, and it is a beloved amenity. I do know that some people keep their dogs off-leash as they move from the bowl to the other parts of the park, this is technically against the rules and I'm careful about it myself, but people are also very respectful and often remember to put the leash on once they see others coming (it's a fairly quiet place most days). Currently, the signage in the park to say "only this area is off-leash" and "this area is on-leash" is VERY minimal which surprises me. I think more and clearer signage would be beneficial. There could be signs right on the paths (top and bottom of hill) where walkers transition from one part of the other - it's honestly quite weird that this hasn't been thought of in place of such a drastic proposal. Anyone new to the park would have no clue, unless they see one small sign up near the car park. I should also add: I have encountered a small handful of really rude people walking around the bowl while dogs were happily playing off-leash(safely, within the rules), and I worry that people like this are the instigators of this proposed change. I've seen more than one walker with an on-leash dog get mad because off-leash dogs have bounded up to them. They are people who have been completely
5889	I do not support the proposed change	It' is community park ... all dog owners who come are responsible and it's great place for dogs to be free and play for sometime . The play helps with the dogs have an active life and also helps with noise control and other hindrances. Thanks
5895	I do not support the proposed change	I have a border collie. He loves walking in the park. This is his most awaited time of the day. He walks off leash and has caused no problem to anyone or misuse of park resources. I always carry poo bags and make sure it is picked up and dropped off in the bins provided. I really appreciate if you could extend the off leash walkable boundry or remove it.

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5903	I do not support the proposed change	Why change something that for years has worked so well. Dogs get the opportunity for important socialisation, exercise and play whilst allowing walkers to walk around the outside without getting g close to thw dogs. Dogs already have too few off leash areas and this feeds onto antisocial dog behaviour
5926	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia park has always been a great park for dogs and a place where owners can take their dog off leash to run and meet with other dogs. This change would massively negatively impact dog owners in the area and provide no other parks for dogs to be walked. I highly disagree with the change and think this was changed without knowing the area.
5930	I do not support the proposed change	We have taken our two dogs to Monte Cecilia every week for years and have never witnessed a problem with the dogs there. There is a great friendly community of people who come together week after week, learning each others dogs names and generally enjoying the public space. Without the ability to bring our dogs off leash the park would lose its appeal and become a quiet place not used by half as many people. Our children always come with us and love to meet all the dogs and again we've never had a safety issue. I understand that dog rules are needed but I believe the park is big enough for all users to enjoy without a change in rules. Leave this small space for the dogs to safely run around with each other.
5932	I do not support the proposed change	I have been walking my dog here for years and have not had any issues with other dogs/dog packs/dog owners. I feel like my dog and I are being punished for being a responsible dog and owner, for registering my dog, training and socialising my dog and walking my dog locally.

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5933	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly object in changing the rules to have dogs on leash at all times at Monte Cecilia park for the following reasons. 1. Impact on Dog Welfare Dogs need off-leash time for exercise, mental stimulation, and socialization. Restricting them to being on a leash at all times can lead to frustration, anxiety, and behavioral issues. 2. Community Benefits Off-leash areas help foster a sense of community, where dog owners can interact, share advice, and build connections. This strengthens neighborhood ties and promotes responsible pet ownership. 3. Physical and Mental Health Allowing dogs to run freely benefits their physical health by providing proper exercise, which helps prevent obesity and related health issues. It also supports their mental well-being, reducing stress and boredom. 4. Encouraging Responsible Ownership Many dog owners use off-leash areas to train their dogs in recall and obedience. Having designated off-leash times and spaces encourages better-trained dogs rather than restricting their movement altogether. 5. Existing Regulations & Responsible Use
5939	I do not support the proposed change	We all humans are going through so much of different stressess ,mental health issues etc and for many of us playing with our companions(dogs) is as imp as having meals to survive and its imp for them as well to run freely please do no take this away from us,this world is already streteched and stressed ,let our pooches make ot a better place by allowing them to be free in designated areas.,it should be owners responsibility to take of their dogs
5945	I do not support the proposed change	Too many dogs walk In onehunga reserve & big king already

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5957	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia Basin is a safe place for owners to take their dogs off leash to play and interact with other dogs. When you enter the reserve/park there are CLEAR signs showing that there is a designated off leash area for dogs. Giving people warning if they aren't comfortable being near dogs off leash. There are also other routes around the park they can take to avoid the off leash area. There are multiple reserves nearby that the public also have access to if they do not wish to be near dogs. There are already so many restrictions on where dogs can be off leash, don't make a mistake and take this away from them or their owners.
5968	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should absolutely be allowed to remain off-leash at this park, as it provides them with the freedom to roam, explore, and engage in natural behaviors that are crucial for their mental and physical well-being. Walking a dog on-leash at all times limits their ability to fully experience the world around them—whether it's sniffing a new scent, running freely, or socializing with other dogs. These activities are vital for a dog's overall health and happiness, as they promote exercise, reduce stress, and prevent behavioral issues. An off-leash park is a sanctuary where dogs can express themselves without the constraints of a leash, ensuring they are not "trapped" in a monotonous routine. Moreover, this park is a critical space for dog owners who understand and respect their dogs' needs for off-leash interaction and exercise. Imposing an on-leash rule would not only detract from the park's purpose but also deprive dogs of a much-needed outlet, ultimately affecting their quality of life.
5975	I do not support the proposed change	Our dogs love being off leash , we use the park twice per day, never seen any issues , it's also great for meeting other members of the public and is very important for dog socialization and human mental health
5979	I do not support the proposed change	Please keep this park as an oasis for dog lovers. I frequent this park with my dog and toddler.we love the cafe, the friendly dogs and owners and the push chair friendly loop track. This park is popular with dog lovers and you should be looking to expand the off leash dog area not place further restrictions on a well used space. There are no other off leash areas in Hillsborough. Removing the offleash area will be bad for the community
5980	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs interacting off leash is important for their socialization and exercise. Dogs offleash in the bowl area of Monte Cecelia is only a small part of the park which leaves plenty of space for other members of the public to enjoy other activities.

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5982	I do not support the proposed change	I have regularly walked my past dogs and been to the park with many friends and their dogs at Monte Cecilia for more than 20 years (having lived locally here) and it is a wonderful park where our dogs can run around freely and the owners and friends (and made new friends) have watched on. I have always seen the dog owners have been responsible and courteous and put their dogs back on the leases where required. It would a very sad and bad decision if the dogs are not allowed to have their own leash free zone. it's like putting a child into a playground with a lead on them and they cannot freely play on what they like. Please consider this proposal change to NOT go ahead for all of the community, families, dog owners. Where else can we take our dogs for them to freely run around and for all the dog owners to enjoy the time out with them.
5993	I do not support the proposed change	There are few areas within the environment that allow dogs to have a suitable space to exercise and socialize in The natural bowl area is effective in controlling dogs, and is not suitable for any sporting purposes. There are other areas in the park that can be for people who do not want to be around dogs
6001	I do not support the proposed change	The justification for this change is unstated and unproven. There are no known issues with the current off leash arrangement and the area is used by a wide range of friendly and committed dog owners. I enjoy meeting others dog owners and watching our dogs play and exercise together in the park. The off lead area makes this a destination park and brings business to surrounding offerings. It's baffling to try to understand why this would be proposed to change to all on leash - what problem are we trying to fix? Please, keep the off leash area.
6071	I do not support the proposed change	The park is well used by mainly people with dogs and it's handy and almost only safe place dogs can play freely and happily around there. Looking at those dogs playing each other happily gives people joy. It will be shame if the current rule changes, the park will be less used.

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6079	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose the proposed change that would require all dogs to be on leash, eliminating the off-leash area. While I understand the need for responsible pet ownership and public safety, removing the off-leash zones altogether is not the right solution. Off-leash areas provide essential benefits to both dogs and their owners. Dogs require regular exercise and socialization for their physical and mental well-being, and these spaces allow them to run, play, and interact in a way that leashed walks simply cannot provide. Many behavioral issues stem from pent-up energy and lack of socialization, and restricting off-leash opportunities could lead to more problems, not fewer. Furthermore, responsible dog owners rely on off-leash zones to build positive community connections. These spaces foster a sense of belonging, where people can share experiences, offer training tips, and ensure their pets learn appropriate social behavior. Responsible pet ownership, including enforcing leash laws in non-designated areas and ensuring proper training, should be the focus—not a sweeping restriction that negatively impacts thousands of responsible dog owners and their pets. I urge decision-makers to reconsider and preserve the off-leash zones for the well-being of our pets and our community.
6084	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia Park is one of the very few large parks in the area that supports dogs "Off Leash". It is a major part of the community and the reason for many dog lovers living in the area, including myself. It is a huge driver of business at the Pah homestead cafe which is also dog friendly. Forcing dogs to be on lead in this area will have a hugely negative effect on both dogs well being and owners. In the large park there is plenty of space for people to walk, socialize, picnic etc without dog interference. As such there is no reason to remove the small off leash area. The park can still be enjoyed by all. We moved specifically to the area to be close to the park for our dog.

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6091	I do not support the proposed change	This is the only off leash dog park that is within a walkable distance to Hillsborough residents. The only other option is to drive to neighbouring suburbs with off leash parks (adding to already terrible traffic congestion.) There has never been an attack on people at this park. Furthermore I would like to see the whole loop track made off leash so people can walk for exercise around the park with their dog. The bowl area gets very muddy in winter with the amount of foot traffic forced to use such a small area. There is no bin to put your doggy poop bags within this designated area either. Why should good and responsible owners pay their dog registration n when more and more facilities are taken away from us?!
6115	I do not support the proposed change	I moved here because of the dog park. dog can run freely and safe. no wildlife no pond
6119	I do not support the proposed change	it is a local dog park
6150	I support the proposed change	A lot of owners can't control their off leash dogs.
6169	I do not support the proposed change	A lot of dog owners are very respectful of the rules and only let their dog run off Leash in the designated area. When walking around the park most owners are picking up dog litter. It is great place to meet other dogs and owners.
6173	I do not support the proposed change	There are many parks for people to walk in the area without off leash dogs. But there are limited places to walk dogs off leash in Auckland and the council is proposing to reduce these areas. Monte Cecilia has a strong community of responsible dog owners who own their homes, pay rates and register their dogs yet the council wants to penalise them. Dog owners are the main users of the park and prior to the park being off leash the park was not well used.
6201	I do not support the proposed change	The bowl is an incredibly popular area with many dog owners in the local community. Moreover, in my experience, it isn't used by anyone else and there is little off-leash areas nearby. There's no reason to restrict access.
6212	I do not support the proposed change	This is one park that has a natural surroundings safe and away from busy roads, easily accessible by all ages and does not have water ponds that can make dogs sick. There is a solid dog owner community that foster good dog upbringing and human interactions/connections amongst the owners. It will be a very sad for all those for both the dogs and owners should the policy be changed to leash only.
6230	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia park was such a great place for dog gathering and meeting new dogs. With the proposed change, there are no more places area that dog can go off leash anymore.
6237	I do not support the proposed change	One of The few parks around that has lots of dogs playing around. They should be able to play fetch.

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6241	I do not support the proposed change	I have come to this park everyday for the last 8 years to walk my dog in the off leash area and have never seen any safety issues , all dogs are very well behaved , it's people that need to be educated , I support the that the park remains off leed and there needs to be more pet friendly zones in Auckland not less
6250	I do not support the proposed change	Park should stay off leash
6267	I do not support the proposed change	For the reasons set out above the sweeping changes to imposing significant changes at Monte Cecilia are not supported by properly investigated and quantified methods. The referencies to "significiant risk" do not consider the probabilitoy or otucome of the incidents that are claimed by Council to be of concern. In order to define risk there needs to be a properly defined and quiantified probability of an out-of-control incident. This needs to take into account the probability of such an incident not occurring. The Council's verbal assessment (and some vague reference to incident reports) of risk only looks at the negative side of the risk equation - there is no quantified survey of the extensive pattern of poistive interactions. If Council is to use the words "signidifcant risk" then it must support that assessment with proper information and data. Otherwise Council should not use such words that have a scientific and technical meaning - and otherwise state that this is an approach to reducing the potential enforcement costs.
6268	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose this proposed change. Monte Cecilia Park was intended as a space where dogs can roam freely in designated areas, and it has become an integral part of the local community. The regular dog owners who walk their dogs there have formed a tight-knit group, united by our shared love of our pets. It's a daily ritual I look forward to after a busy day at work, and a special part of my routine. This park is a central hub for the large dog-loving community of Mount Roskill, Hillsborough, Three Kings, and surrounding areas. We gather at the 'dog bowl' every day, and over time, have hosted social events that have brought people together, even those without dogs, who come to enjoy the space with their children. It's a welcoming place for everyone. The size of the park allows for diverse uses, and it's a space that has been cherished by all of us who live here. I live near the quarry, and about 70% of the residents in my apartment building and the nearby houses are dog owners. The pet-friendly environment is a key part of why so many of us enjoy living here, and Monte Cecilia is the heart of that community. Being able to bring my dog to the park and seeing him run freely with his dog friends is something I really enjoy and has many positive benefits to my dog and my own mental health. Please do not let a small number of complaints overshadow what is a positive and responsible community of dog owners. We ask that you respect the traditions that have made this park a beloved space for so many.

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6297	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose the proposed change to designate the bowl area of Monte Cecilia Park as an on-leash zone. This area has long served as a safe and cherished off-leash space where dogs can exercise and socialize. Responsible dog owners already manage their pets effectively, making this restriction unnecessary. The current off-leash policy should remain in place. It is concerning that, despite a petition with over 1,000 signatures opposing this change, the council is treating it as a single submission. This approach undermines the collective voice of the community and may lead to decisions that do not accurately reflect public sentiment. To ensure a fair and democratic process, the council should count each signature as an individual submission. Furthermore, the council's "Have Your Say" process is notably inaccessible. In today's fast-paced world, many individuals cannot afford the time to complete a lengthy survey, rendering this system ineffective and disconnected from the community's needs. Simpler solutions, such as implementing QR codes, could streamline the feedback process. Currently, residents must navigate multiple steps merely to voice their opinions. The lack of adequate publicity regarding this proposed change is also troubling. Many community members are unaware of the consultation process, making it even more challenging for them to express their concerns. This lack of transparency appears intentional, allowing the council to advance a proposal that favors certain interests without genuinely considering broader public opinion. Moreover, the council's website requires significant improvements to enhance user-friendliness. A more intuitive and accessible platform would encourage greater public participation. Given that this proposal directly impacts numerous
6301	I do not support the proposed change	All the dogs I have come across are well behaved & allows our dogs to socialise in a safe environment. It is a great dog community where we have made plenty of friends, it's a happy place. My 12yo daughter has also learnt to be confident around dogs as all the dogs in the bowl area have responsible owners. The bowl area is only a small area of the Monte Cecelia Park, without the dogs here the park would hardly get used let alone people walking in the bowl. I know of people that come to play with the dogs at the park especially as they are not allowed a dog at home
6303	I do not support the proposed change	There is no need for this rule, very few people come here that don't have a dog and you are penalising everyone for others issues. First time dog owner & in 3 years never seen any issues at all - in fact it would make sense to make the whole park off lease. This proposal is once again an example of common sense gone stupid - we do not need to be dictated to by those who never come to the park. Reverse this decision NOW.

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6304	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia is one of very few off leash green spaces/parks for dogs for a significant area of central west Auckland. The dog owners using this park are a highly responsible group who offer a fantastic friendly community for dog owners to interact with. Removing the off leash area will only reduce the number of off leash areas available to dog owners further overcrowding available resources and increasing the chances of issues elsewhere
6308	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose this proposed change. Monte Cecilia Park was intended as a space where dogs can roam freely in designated areas, and it has become an integral part of the local community. The regular dog owners who walk their dogs there have formed a tight-knit group, united by our shared love of our pets. The size of the park allows for diverse uses, and it's a space that has been cherished by all of us who live here. The pet-friendly environment is a key part of why so many of us enjoy living here, and Monte Cecilia is the heart of that community. Please do not let a small number of complaints overshadow what is a positive and responsible community of dog owners. We ask that you respect the traditions that have made this park a beloved space for so many.
6311	I do not support the proposed change	The off-leash area has fostered an amazing community of dog owners and some non-dog owners alike who on occasion hang out in the naturally formed bowl. The claim that the change is done in the name of safety is ludicrous. I have lived in the area for 35 years. I attended Monte Cecilia Primary as a child and have made use of the park for as long as it has existed. I have been going there with my current dog twice a day, nearly every day for four years. In all that time I have never seen nor experienced any dog on human attack, nor any threatening behaviour of the sort. Where I have experienced any dog aggression, usually a minor disagreement between dogs or have heard of higher forms of aggression, again between dogs, not humans, is in the areas marked on-lead. More often than not this has been from an irregular visitor to the park and they have not had their dog on lead or under control. Quite often new visitors are unaware that the only off lead area is the bowl. The signage is confusing, inadequate and often ignored as it sits way too high up to be read properly. It is also located in odd places around the park. People ignore it. I have encountered many people who just aren't aware of the distinct zones of the park. Naturally those that don't follow the rules suffer no consequences as there has been zero enforcement in years. So if people don't follow the rules and there's no consequences, what do you expect would happen. Yet, in the bowl, the community is keenly aware of the rules and follow them as such. If the proposed changes were to be made, you would be taking away a gathering place for a tight knit community who meet on a very regular basis. Who enjoy each other's company while their four legged friends play. Monte Cecilia is known locally as one of the safest, most enjoyable, inviting and highest rated off leash parks in Auckland. Please don't take this away from us.

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6339	I do not support the proposed change	There are fewer and fewer places where groups of dog owners can congregate and allow their dogs to socialise off leash. Socialising in this way is beneficial to the dogs, as when restrained their response to other dogs can differ markedly, sometimes being more aggressive. I feel this response is a bureaucratic blunt instrument to small number of incidents.
6356	I support the proposed change	There are so many people with dogs in the neighbourhood now - give us non dog owners at least one space free from the menace of off leash dogs and all that they entail
6381	I do not support the proposed change	I have never found a problem with dogs playing in the bowl. If the area is vaguely defined put some markers on trees to define it or similar. Dogs need play to not make them a behaviour problem and dog walkers utilise this area a lot to get their work done. Its too easy to cross off the off leash areas but they are needed and frankly they are fun to sit and watch when the dogs are playing.
6425	I support the proposed change	Given below is my submission regarding the proposed changes to the dog access rules applicable to Auckland's Regional Parks and Reserves. We (my wife and me – in our 60s) reside at *** The Monte Cecilia Park / Reserve is near our residence and alas, the council only consulted the dog owners and proposed an uncontrolled dog access area in the Natural Bowl section of Monte Cecilia Park about a decade back. It may be noted that no initial feedback was sought from the non-Dog owners regarding the proposal. The lack of inviting feedback from non-dog owners became obvious during the meeting to endorse the proposal chaired by Mr. Michael Wood, who was an elected representative at the Auckland Council. The proposal was rammed through at the meeting. This was done without putting in place some basic safeguards like fencing and demarking clearly the off-leash areas to ensure the dogs and their owners remain within those confines and do not take over the park / reserve. Also, there was no system of monitoring after the proposal was implemented to check whether post implementation the area continues to be safe for the elderly and children. We used to go to the park for our daily walk, to get some fresh air & exercise. But soon after the proposal was implemented using a flawed process that pandered to a selection of the population, we soon started encountering unrestrained dogs and their aggressive owners who showed no civic sense whatsoever. The Dog Owners actively encouraged their dogs to move all over the park, including the walking path unrestrained and doing their job all over, with the dog owners not bothering to pick up the dog poo. What used to be a peaceful walk soon turned into a nightmare. Even a polite reminder to the dog owner that the dogs can be off leash only within the confines of the designated area of the park were met with a snub at the best, and
6436	I do not support the proposed change	Doesnt make sense as I come to this park everyday.
6446	I do not support the proposed change	I believe Auckland council has the stats and understanding of the bowl section is better for dog or human.

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6509	I support the proposed change	Appendix A Proposed amended policy has Monte Cecilia/Whataroa Pā listed as no changes. Assuming the online form is correct I propose dogs under lease at all times. I have used the park as a route between Buddock Avenue and Korma Road to access Pah Road buses for daily commuting. In my experience dogs are off leash in most of the park and not the designated area. Often I was approached by off leash dogs outside the designated area and on occasions they try to interact with me physically. My response has always been to stop still and await the owner to direct their dog to return. Frequently the dog would not (so not under control as defined by the policy) and the owners would frequently just describe the dog has no ill intent, or is fine etc This is for numerous dogs. On one particularly bad occasion a dog jumped up on me and I was forced to push it away. The owner as usual was apologetic. I rang dog control and later spoke to an officer. I advised the policy is frequently broken and offered to gather reports incidents. Working in regularly myself, I am fully aware the officers cannot be everywhere all the time. The officer replied she was aware there was a problem and they had a "watching brief." I asked about changing the policy and she advised only at the bylaw review. As such it appears there are a high frequently of problems and the further education or signage is insufficient. I also walk with my children in the park. Less frequently as they have gotten older. However I was always wary of dogs off lease in relation to them. I have found the dogs and their owners have generally dominated the space. There is also noticeably less wildlife. Rabbits although a pest, have disappeared. Birds infrequently on the ground. I have seen and heard morepork/ruru in the very early morning on Buddock Avenue. Monet Cecillia providing a birdlife corridor possibly through to the Waitakere Ranges. Tui are fairly common, but are infrequent ground dwellers and less impacted by dogs.
6511	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia park has a well established and strong dog community unlike anywhere I have encountered before. It's the only onleash park where I see frequent gatherings amongst owners and dogs. At any day of the week you will see a group of dog owners sitting and dogs socialising with each other in the evening. It would be terrible to dismantle this community by changing the policy. This park means a lot to us! It's the only park I feel safe taking my dog as I know it's far from roads and there isn't a water body that my dog can get sick from. We should also honour the intent that this park was gifted for - it was always meant to be a place for animals.
6517	I do not support the proposed change	come to this park every weekend just for dog walking.
6521	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to have a place that they are able to run around unfettered. It is unfair to always have them on a leash. Not once have I seen issues between dogs at this park.

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6526	I do not support the proposed change	Some parks, like Monte Cecilia, see significantly lower public use during colder months and early mornings. Applying a rigid, year-round off-leash policy does not reflect how these spaces are actually used. I propose a seasonal and time-based off-leash model for specific parks: - Monte Cecilia Park: Off-leash access from 6–8 AM in winter and spring, when the park is mostly empty aside from dog walkers. - In summer and autumn, off-leash hours could shift to 5–7 AM to prevent conflicts with families and other park visitors. This approach allows responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs safely, while ensuring minimal disruption to other park users. Safety Concerns for Women Walking in Designated Parks As a young woman who walks her dog early in the morning, safety is a major concern. Many of the proposed off-leash parks lack adequate lighting and a familiar community presence. Currently, I feel safe at Monte Cecilia Park because I know the regular dog walkers and feel comfortable in the environment. Forcing dog owners to relocate to unfamiliar parks that may not be safe raises serious concerns. I would like to know: - Have safety assessments been conducted for the parks proposed as off-leash areas? - Will the council provide better lighting or security measures in these locations? - How does the council plan to ensure off-leash dog areas remain safe for women and other vulnerable individuals who walk alone?

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6529	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes will not solve the problems that there have been community complaints about (I have read the complaints through an OIA request). The issue lies with registration, microchipping, neutering/spaying of animals and appropriate containment of dogs on their home properties. If this changes go forward, there will still be issues with wandering off leash dogs - this is an issue with owners responsibility not access to off leash areas. These changes will only punish responsible dog owners. These off leash areas serve an important purpose in the community for responsible owners who use them to properly exercise and socialise their dogs to ensure that they do not cause trouble and only bring joy, comfort and companionship to their lives both through the animals themselves but connecting to others in the community. If these changes continue, you will see a rise in dog related issues as there will be less places for dogs to be properly socialised and exercised, as it will be too difficult, too far away or too small for a dog to properly exercise and people will simply stop doing it. New Zealand is a country of dog loves, 28% of us have dogs. You cannot exclude such a large part of the community like that when there are so many others parks that do not allow off leash dogs. We already have a small area, don't make it smaller.
6535	I do not support the proposed change	We have been walking our dog Wallace, a 12 year old Golden Retriever, at Monte Cecilia for 8 years. The off lead section in the bowl is vital to letting our old boy be by off lead to not only play with other dogs, but also be able to run around off lead. At his age he cannot walk up hills, so Big King is not an option for us. The lagoon at the Bay at Onehunga is also not an option due to the water, dirty dog, as well as some of the unregistered and dogs that are not de-sexed that frequent the park. Monte Cecilia is part of our daily routine and social aspect of our day. The other dog walkers we have got to know of the past 8 years is amazing. We meet up and the dogs all play with each other, chase balls, chew sticks and learn to socialise with other dogs. Socialising is very important for dogs from a very young age. Being off lead is an important factor to socialising dog. Dogs that are socialised are less likely to act aggressive around other dogs and more importantly children and adults. Making the whole Monte Cecilia on lead would degrade our dog's life as well as our social interactions with other like minded dog owners. Please keep Monte Cecilia as it currently is, so that we and Wallace can keep enjoying our city. Your last sincerely, Responsible dog owners

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6563	I do not support the proposed change	Great local off leash area which is well used. Plenty of walking areas for people who do not want to be near dogs
6602	I do not support the proposed change	It works fine as it is so why has anyone suggested changes? There is absolutely no need to stop dogs from being off leash in the bowl area. I regularly go for walks there and am never bothered by the dogs. People going for a walk only ever use the paths and there are plenty of paths available. It would be unnecessary to restrict dog walkers in this way. I think dogs should have somewhere to run around at least somewhere and as there is plenty of space at Monte Cecilia, this is a great facility for everyone to share.
6618	I do not support the proposed change	It is a special place for dogs off lead in a safe environment with lots of space.
6657	I do not support the proposed change	This park is one of the only offleash parks for dogs that is well maintained and not near a road. It is primarily used by dog walkers and a great place for all sizes of dogs to gather use to the space. I disagree with the change.
6694	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to formally object to the proposed rule change that would require dogs to be on a leash at all times in Monte Cecilia Park. This decision is unfair to responsible dog owners and fails to consider the broader impact on community engagement, park accessibility, and recreational balance in the area. 1. Monte Cecilia Park is a Vital Community Hub Monte Cecilia Park is not just a space for dog owners—it is a place where the whole community comes together. People who don't own dogs often enjoy interacting with them, and for many, these casual encounters bring joy and a sense of connection. Whether it's children delighting in a friendly dog approaching them, elderly residents enjoying the company of animals, or casual park visitors who simply like the welcoming, lively atmosphere, the presence of off-leash dogs enhances the park's communal spirit. Dog owners also form friendships and support networks through their visits to the park. These daily interactions foster a stronger, more connected community, where people get to know each other and look out for one another. Removing the off-leash area disrupts this dynamic and takes away an important space for social bonding. 2. Health and Well-Being of Dogs Allowing dogs to play off-leash in parks like Monte Cecilia is crucial for their health and well-being. Dogs need regular exercise and socialisation, which is best achieved in an environment where they can run freely, interact with other dogs, and engage in natural behaviours. Off-leash play also allows them to burn off excess energy in a healthy, positive way, which can reduce behavioural issues and improve overall mental health. Restricting this access puts an undue burden on dog owners and risks the health of the animals themselves.
6695	I do not support the proposed change	Most people using the park either have A dog or like dogs. I've lived here for 7 years and this is ridiculous

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6705	I do not support the proposed change	Pooped uses Monte Cecilia Park regularly. It is a fit-for-purpose off-leash dog park, when the boundaries of the off-leash area are observed. We believe the community concerns are valid, and that members of the public should be able to use the space, but the proposal to make the park on-leash only is a step too far. We believe that the introduction of a maximum pack-size, which we support, will alleviate most community concerns. This is because Monte Cecilia Park has been home to a large dog-walking operation with dozens of off-leash dogs in the past. With the proposed pack-size limit, we believe the park can be safe and enjoyable for all users within the existing off-leash rules. Additionally, when considering changes to dog rules at any parks and reserves, we would like the council to consider that demand for off-leash spaces will not reduce, and is likely to increase over time. This means that more dogs will need to use fewer spaces, leading to the likelihood of more incidents and safety issues. This is particularly relevant in urban areas, such as the area around Monte Cecilia park. If the park is no longer available as an off-leash space, the options nearby are limited, small, and not suitable for the inevitable increase in demand.
6706	I do not support the proposed change	It is a really special safe place to let my dog and many many others do what dogs need to do for their wellbeing in such a built up city - ie run free - which is imperative for their health and also their owners to enjoy!!!
6723	I do not support the proposed change	The bowl area is the only off-leash part of Monte Cecilia. Park users without dogs have access to the whole rest of Monte Cecilia. Responsible dog owners need safe spaces to exercise and socialise their dogs, and Monte Cecilia is one of the few locations for this in Puketāpapa. I question what evidence there is of “significant risk” to park users from off-lead dogs. The vast majority of dogs I have encountered at Monte Cecilia are well socialised dogs and mostly under the control of their owners. The Council would be much better placed focusing efforts on irresponsible dog owners who fail to register their dogs and do not exercise and socialise them responsibly, rather than penalising responsible owners by removing important facilities such as Monte Cecilia.

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6755	I do not support the proposed change	I have been a regular in this park for the past 6 years. It's a great space for dog to be off-lease & socialise in the bowl part of the park. I live in an apartment & there are more apartments being built nearby - Having a closeby park to release the dog's energy in an off-leash park is so important to keep their behaviour calmer at home (dog become tired etc). When we off leash the dog, we naturally talk & become engage with other dog owners, which I find it really helpful mentally - the very reason why we overcame covid time, which now has become part our daily walk that we are looking forward to - just talk to other dog owners, getting fresh air. I dont believe council understand the community it has built just through having an offleash spot for people to gather & destress after their busy lives at work. We really hope that the above are taken into considerations.
6769	I do not support the proposed change	This area is used by a large number of dog owners which provides dogs the ability to run and stretch their legs. Walking around a park on leash does not provide the same exercise advantages. If the council wish to proceed, I suggest instead, that they move to bring fully off leash in the park from 7pm to 7am, similar to beaches. This allows people to exercise their dogs properly, but also allows people to enjoy the park without dogs off leash.
6773	I do not support the proposed change	I attach a survey undertaken about the users of the Monte Cecilia Off-leash Area. The survey is detailed and provides evidence that the designation change will destroy the community, have profound negative impacts on the users and is not justified. In addition it questions the Board's democratic processes and transparency. It raises significant issues that should be taken into account when making any decisions. It also provides Council some advice for on going management. As a social scientist I strongly advise the Council to listen to read the report and take on board the advice.
6774	I do not support the proposed change	We're living in the area and walk our dog in the park on daily basis. We decided to buy our house here years ago because of the park so we can walk our dog here, especially off-leash. Dogs in the park are friendly and well-behaved when off leash. Putting them on leash will limit their ability to run, burn out the energy, socialise. They will only get more frustrated and aggressive when walked on leash all the time. We have full time jobs and little kid, we can't drive our dog somewhere else every day to let her run off leash (also, it seams there won't be where soon based on the proposal). There are so many places people can go for a walk if they don't like share the space with dogs, it's not all their to take. This proposal must have been made by someone who doesn't have, like or understand dogs. If there is a confusion, make it clearer. Not only by saying where the off-leash area is but also by setting some expectations (if you have running and screaming kids, maybe don't come in the middle of the off-leash area but rather choose the other side or don't setup your picnic if you are not willing to share it with hungry dogs:). We pay extra fees and also expect to have places where we can walk, play with and enjoy our companions.

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6848	I do not support the proposed change	Montecelia park is such a good park safe for dogs , dog owners and the general public. My family and I have been going to the park well before we were dog owners and have never observed any negative interaction from the dogs. I strongly believe there is no reason to change the rules for this park . This park is community hub for the dogs and the owners , playing key part in developing social skills .
7266	Other (please explain below)	Our property backs onto Monte Cecilia Park at [REDACTED] . On several occasions we have had dogs enter our property where they have been off least and entered under the fence (presumably installed by Council). This has been terrifying for my children given the nature of some of these dogs and are now very wary when dogs enter our property or are at our back fence. Yesterday alone I was in the back garden and noticed three dogs not on leash at the back fence. As an adult I was nervous about this. I would therefore like to advocate that more is done to ensure dogs are on leash outside of the dog bowl area currently permitted. I generally walk in the park 1 to 2 times per week. Generally the dogs in the dog bowl area are ok. There have also been a few instances outside of this area that dog behaviour has been a concern. My daughter became afraid of dogs after a dog tried to go at her off leash. On another time, another dog off leash was trying to attack me. As above, I therefore think more needs to be done to ensure dogs are on leash outside the bowl area.
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1	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia is one of the few off leash dog parks in Auckland, where there are no strays! It is a wonderful community in the off leash bowl sections a great space to socialise dogs, and help ensure they are safe! And then, safe when kn leash in widely public spaces. I am at Monte Cecilia 5/6 times a week with my two dogs, very infrequently do we come across people there without dogs. I always feel safe at this park, as a human, but also for my dogs.

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2	I do not support the proposed change	It is simply not true that the current off-leash rule in the bowl area creates a risk to people, significant or otherwise. Whomever told you that, and whomever pushed to get it included in the wording of this question is a liar. I have visited Monte Cecilia almost every day for nearly seven years; three years before I had a dog because I liked encountering dogs, and four years once I got a dog of my own. I can name five personal friends who own dogs and routinely bring them to Monte Cecilia; I can pick by sight (and their dog) about another thirteen people who frequent the park at the same time as me. Dog access at Monte Cecilia creates community as well as joy. Not one of those people disrespects the dog access rules; not one of them creates any kind of "risk". In fact, responsible dog owners are the local board's first line of defence against IRRESPONSIBLE dog owners: I personally have corrected behaviour far more often than I've seen a council enforcement officer at the park. If the local board's current concern is that people aren't following the rules, by what mechanism does the board believe changing the rules to punish rule-followers will cause people who DON'T follow the rules to change their behaviour? Don't be absurd. Monte Cecilia park and its dogs are an iconic part of Puketapapa's (quite limited) open space network, and bring people to enjoy, enliven, and (not least) spend money in the local board area from all over the city. Dog exercise is visibly the principle use of the park: visit Monte Cecilia any time, but especially after work or on a weekend morning, and it is immediately obvious that the off-leash bowl area has far more people in it and using it than any other part of the park. The naturally-formed bowl at Monte Cecilia has clear natural bounds and is respected by the vast majority of dog owners. It would be preposterous to punish the overwhelming majority of responsible dog owners because some few people don't respect the boundaries of the off-leash area.

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14	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed rule change requiring dogs to be on a leash at all times at Monte Cecilia. As a regular user of this dog park, I strongly believe that dogs should have the freedom to run and exercise off-leash. Just like humans, dogs have health needs that include physical activity. In Auckland, there are already plenty of parks designated for human use, but very few spaces where dogs can enjoy this kind of freedom. While it's understandable that dogs aren't allowed in protected areas like reserves, the council shouldn't take away this little haven that brings so much joy to their lives. If the council allows people to own dogs and collects registration fees, it should also invest in spaces that benefit dogs. Maintaining off-leash areas like Monte Cecilia is a fair and meaningful way to do this. Perhaps the council should focus more on enforcing the existing rules and ensuring that park users and dog owners comply, rather than dismissing the issue because it seems challenging to manage. The council might argue that they've received complaints, but how many are there, really? It's worth considering the number of complaints received compared to the many other park users who have positive experiences but don't express them. It's human nature to be quicker to file complaints than to offer compliments, so the feedback received may not paint the full picture.
16	I do not support the proposed change	This park is a wonderful place for dogs and dog owners, and the majority of people who go to this park are dog owners. The people who bring their dogs here are respectful of this beautiful space and other users. I believe instead of making it on-leash, it should be off-leash before 9am and after 5pm (as happens at many Auckland beaches) so that this can be a shared space for different recreational users. This will make it clear when dogs owners can make use of this space to give their dogs a run around and when others who don't want dogs around, can use it. As people's private living areas get smaller, there is less and less space for their dogs to run around, parks provide an important part of people's lives and restrictions on where they can let their dogs run free mean that people have less options and therefore puts stress on dog owners as well as on the limited places available to them. Please understand how important this park is to so many dog owners and how these proposed changes will have a detrimental effect on the community and people's lives.
18	I support the proposed change	This beautiful park was a pleasant place to walk dogs on leash a number of years ago before there was an off leash area allowed. Since there has been an off leash area it has been largely abused (by professional dog walkers) and it is no longer a safe place to walk dogs on leash.
23	I do not support the proposed change	This is a nice park for dog to exercise. Why cancel it?

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25	I do not support the proposed change	It is important for dogs to interact off lead. We specifically bring our dog to this area so she can learn how to be around other dogs safely and to have fun playing together. There are plenty of restricted parks in Auckland, please let us keep the few areas we currently have available to enrich our dog's life and develop her social skills.
26	I do not support the proposed change	There are few off leash areas away from traffic in the area. The bowl lends itself well to having dogs off leash due to the large area and wide visibility. The vast majority of owners watch their dogs and pick up their droppings. Please don't 'fix' what isn't broken.
37	I do not support the proposed change	It's a massive park, where it should be safe to have dogs under control off leash.
39	I do not support the proposed change	1- It is the best (probably only) park where there is a large enough open space that a breed that needs space to run at speed while chasing a ball or frisbee, can do so safely away from roads and paths. If this facility is removed, I anticipate owners taking their dogs to sports fields instead. 2- The park has acquired a great community of dog owners, which combined with its safety, makes it the best place for puppies to become properly socialised with dogs and people. It is where I trained my dog's recall and I believe that making such a useful facility on-lead only, will create problems elsewhere. 3- The idea that off lead dogs at Monte Cecilia are a risk to people is, frankly, abject nonsense.
55	I do not support the proposed change	Not enough significant evidence that there should be a change. An overreaction over an incident
69	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to socialise and have exercise ,as do humans. Obviously problem dogs need to be kept under control and should be categorised as problematic at the time of registration,
76	I do not support the proposed change	This board seems intent on looking for problems where they don't exist. The fun the dogs have by being able to play freely in the bowl area is something that needs to be maintained. The status quo should prevail.
78	I do not support the proposed change	It's hard to find off leash exercise areas for dogs that are safe and away from roads. There is an established group of responsible dog owners that gather regularly at monte cecilia park for the purpose of dog exercise and socialization. In my eyes, other visitors of the park are not disturbed by these meetings, because they are localized to a small area.
79	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia is one of the best places in Auckland to walk a dog. It has created an amazing community of people who love bringing their dogs there. The dogs are well behaved, the area is safe and clean and doesn't get muddy in winter. Pretty much everyone loves it there and is devastated that the council is considering making it mandatory to leash your dog. Please keep it off leash, and please consider extending the off leash area to the whole park. It brings joy to the community.
83	I do not support the proposed change	An off leash area is needed!

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86	I do not support the proposed change	This is arguably the most popular dog park in all of Auckland. Trying to make it anything but, is ridiculous. Changing it from an off-leash park to an on-leash park, is only going to drive people away. Rather than the public enjoying this lovely park with their pets, you will drive away everyone. Keep the rules the same.
90	I do not support the proposed change	I take my dog to the dog bowl in Monte Cecelia most evenings. Social interaction and playtime with other dogs is extremely important for growth, training and socialization around other dogs and people and the main reason I go to Monte Cecelia. The large open space and accessibility are extremely important when a dog has been inside all day.
102	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia has a fantastic community of dog owners and restricting to on leash only doesn't make sense. There is ample space here for all to co exist. Personally, I believe that entire grounds should be opened up to off leash on a permanent basis. My belief is that a VERY small minority are making overly loud objection to suit their needs. It works fine as is, or should be extended to off leash all the time
106	I do not support the proposed change	As a local, it is great to take my dog to Monte Cecilia to socialise, play & run with other local dogs & their owners. It would be a loss to the community to not have this as it is now. I don't see why it needs to change.
108	I do not support the proposed change	I have used the park regularly for 5 years and never seen any incidence of 'significant risk'. Instead I would like to propose that the whole park becomes off-leash for certain times of the day e.g. before 10am and after 6pm as is the case with some beaches. This would ensure off-leash time is available for dogs (important to their health and wellbeing), but that they do not have to be forced into one big pack, and also enable dog owners to walk around the park and get exercise. The mornings and evenings are the most common time for dog walkers to walk their dogs and this would free up the park for others during the day who do not wish to encounter dogs. Making this an important shared space for everyone.
131	I do not support the proposed change	The dog walkers have helped bring this park alive. My children went to school when Monte Cecilia School was here and the park would have been the least used park in Auckland. There was never anyone here. Since introducing the off leash bowl the park has thrived. The majority of dog walkers at this park are responsible dog owners and overall lovely people. I have walked my dogs here for years and have never had any trouble. It's lovely to have an off leash park so close to home and I hope we can continue to use this park in the same way for many years to come.
133	I do not support the proposed change	Monte is a lovely park for everyone to enjoy but it is mainly enjoyed by dogs and their owners. It's hard to find a park that is off leash that is reasonably safe with competent dog owners. I travel all the way from West Auckland to take my dog to Monte for a good run around as we have never had issues there for all the years we have gone there! Please don't change this!

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139	I do not support the proposed change	The park is a lovely, central inner city location for the enjoyment of people and their dogs. In the years that I have been going everyone is respectful of the space, other dogs, other walkers / joggers. It would be a pity to lose access to an off leash area to enable the dogs to enjoy the space, which is of a reasonable size. A lot of local board parks are small and so limited in their ability to run - unless additional enclosed off-leash dog only areas are developed to compensate (and be of a reasonable size).
142	I do not support the proposed change	I would support this if there was documented evidence provided with the proposal on the significant public risk of off lead dogs in Monte Cecilia Park, or off lead parks in general, that would justify the proposed changes.
143	I do not support the proposed change	it is the very few places that dogs can roam freely. It doesn't make sense to me to tie them in another public space
147	I support the proposed change	Our friends and family have started avoiding going to Monte Cecilia park due to this risk of dogs off leash, as it is not a risk we can take with young/primary school kids. Going to the park has become a stressful event, as need to keep vigilant at all times. Including for myself as a person with dog phobia after a previous dog attack in my youth.
153	I do not support the proposed change	Think status quo works fine. No change
156	I do not support the proposed change	This proposed change does not address any of the issues that I and other dog owners have with Monte Cecelia. For instance, Poor signage Poor enforcement from local council regarding unlicensed dogs, dogs that have been reported by other dog owners etc. Most importantly however, if this area is taken away as a off leash area, alongside the other two parks that local council is considering removing, there will be no area in the local board that responsible dog owners can take their dogs for off leash activities.
162	I support the proposed change	As before, I often walk in this park and dog owners tend to treat this whole park as an off-leash area. I walk here with my grandchildren and I am concerned for the children's safety.
165	I do not support the proposed change	Pack walkers should be banned from using this park. Especially Tash from dogs out as she comes with over 20 dogs and stay in this area for a couple hours, not leaving space for everyone to use, her dogs are not in control. A friend of mine, her small dog got bitten by a big dog of her. Otherwise, I haven't witnessed other incidents when she is not around. It is such a lovely park to hang out when the space is not crowded by one commercial dog walker.
167	I do not support the proposed change	This is the only "clean" dog park available for off leash walk in the region, when it gets wet and muddy in the winter. Without access to this park, it would be devastating to the responsible dog owners in the area to exercise their dogs during that time of year. I would suggest allowing dogs with Canine Good Citizen title to be able to access the park for off leash walk.

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177	I do not support the proposed change	The majority of those using the park are dog owners. Off leash areas (ideally bigger than the bowl itself) are required to enable dog owners to walk while their dogs explore (within a controlled recall radius from owners) and this also enables better dog socialisation/education. Requiring dog owners to walk separately than their dogs impacts economic productivity (when a second walk is required) or wellbeing of residents (when a second walk for owners cannot be accommodated within their schedules). Time based restrictions enable all users of an area to be accommodated. It is recommended that rather than the current or proposed policy, that Monte Cecelia is treated like a beach with off lead walking permitted prior to 10am and after 430 in the afternoon. The residents of the nearby retirement village are generally not in employment and can conduct their walks during the day when dog owners are at work accomodating everyone.
178	I do not support the proposed change	It is a well used off leash dog park and enjoyed by many
182	I support the proposed change	The park gets quite busy, and it has become unsafe for dogs to be off leash, especially as there always seem to be owners who don't have good control of their dog.
188	I do not support the proposed change	I travel all the way from out west to go to Monte with my dog. I've been to many dog parks that feel unsafe but Monte has attracted so many responsible dog owners and their well behaved dogs. I've never encountered any issues. We are all there for the same reason, to enjoy some relaxed time with our dogs. If I see anyone who is uneasy around dogs I will put my dog on lead and if I walk past the cafe I will put her on a lead. I understand around cafe patrons who are trying to enjoy their meals, dogs should be on lead. But everywhere else we should have the freedom to continue off lead.
193	I do not support the proposed change	The current policy of allowing dogs off-leash, provided they are under control, strikes a balance between enablingresponsilble pet owners to exercise their dogs freely and maintaining safety in the park. Dogs off-leash have theopportunity to exercise and socidlize, which is essential for their well-being, with proper owner supervision. the cureniapproach supports both responsible pet ownership and the parks role as a space for community interaction. kindlysuggest maintaining the current policy and exploring alternative ways to address any specific concerns.
210	I do not support the proposed change	An off leash area should be provided

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232	I do not support the proposed change	This is a wonderful area for dogs to play and exercise . There are so few areas for dogs to run off lead safely . We have a whippet , which needs to run twice a day . The space is big enough for dogs to run around playing and chasing together . The owners we meet there are all nice and friendly and seem very responsible . This area provides a way for humans to make community connections too which is really important for wellbeing . Park users who don't want to interact with the dogs generally stick to the paths at the top . When we go to the path, the dogs are onlead. I don't understand why putting the playing dogs onlead is going to increase safety for people walking on the paths as that area is already on lead. The joy that this area provides for dogs and their owners outweighs the one or two people who feel unsafe seeing dogs off lead who are way down in the bowl. Dogs of certain breeds need to run and play somewhere- walking along on a leash is not the same at all . this is a rare place , separate from where people walk with a good group of dogs(is it those dog walkers that bring the big group of dogs in the van that has made someone afraid? If so ban a number of dogs per person) We drive 20 mins to get there regularly as it's a safe place for our dog.
234	I do not support the proposed change	This park is currently a favorite of ours, we only have our dog off leash in the bowl, as do many many other dog owners, this park is really good for dogs unlike alot of others as it provides shade for the dogs on hot days, is well away from any roads and vehicles which keeps the dogs safe, It also is really good in winter as it doesnt get muddy like alot of other Dog parks in the area Lastly the walking tracks are generally better than your other dog parks such as Meola Reef where Auckland Council has done no path maintenance at all The parking is also very good for monte Cecilia Maybe some one from your team should go there at 5pm on a nice day and see how many dogs enjoy using this park and see how happy they are We will be really disapointed if this goes to On leash only dog park
239	I do not support the proposed change	High energy dogs need off leash parks to play fetch to exercise and release tension in their stressful modern lives. A well exercised dog is calm and obedient. You can't achieve the level of exercise required on leash for a high energy dog. This park in particular offers great opportunity for dog-to-dog socialisation. Dog fights are more likely to happen ON-LEASH. Why? Because it's hard for dogs to get into the play bow body language with owners yanking at the leash. Then the other dog misinterprets the tense leash pulling as a threat to them and get offended. By changing this park to on-leash only park, I guarantee you that you'll get more dog fights. Off leash parks are actually safer for everyone. There needs to be more public education surrounding how people are to behave at a dog park. Don't provoke the dog by making noises, sudden movements or staring at them front on.

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243	I do not support the proposed change	The health and safety risk of people falling down that slope holding dogs on leashes is fair higher than any supposed safety issues this change is worried about. Auckland dog owners already suffer enough with boggy, muddy and unattractive areas designated as dog walking areas (areas the public don't like to go). Please don't remove this lovely option.
249	I do not support the proposed change	It is important for dogs to be able to have off leash time in the city. My personal opinion is that the whole of Monte Cecilia should be off leash. It is very popular location for dog owners to gather (especially smaller dogs) and in my experience most non dog owners stick to the cafe and top of the circular walk. Those who walk the whole loop know that there are dogs off leash in the bowl. These off leash dogs are normally playing with each other or chasing balls. The other 2 off leash areas close by - Big King and Onehunga reserve are often very busy and aren't as safe for people or dogs as Monte Cecilia. It's important to ensure enough off leash dog areas for the dog population in central Auckland which increased around Covid.
255	I do not support the proposed change	It is an expansive park with grass and footpaths, with only the one section which is offlead. It will be a huge shame if this rule was to change as there are not many places in the neighbourhood where dogs can run, fetch, play and sniff while off lead. Why would the ruling change, as there are plenty of other places for people without dogs to enjoy. While the Onehunga Bay Reserve off-leash park is close, there isn't as much space to run and chase a ball. The footpath are frequent with cyclists, scooters, young kids etc. also the lagoon is not that pleasant since the hydro gates have not been fixed - the basin is muddy, stinks and SO MUCH seaweed that comes through. It does not feel safe (nor clean) to take my dog. There also tends to be some larger dogs who are untrained and chase dogs, with attacks happening throughout the year Who will actually benefit from Monte Cecilia going fully on lead?.
264	I do not support the proposed change	Significant risk of what??
265	I do not support the proposed change	This would have significant negative impact to the community.
314	I do not support the proposed change	I disagree with this. As a veterinarian in the local area who walks my dog here o have to say that over the last 3 or so I see the vast majority of dogs on this park extremely well behaved (to the point that I drive here to walk my dog in the weekends as the dogs are so much better behaved here/under better control than my local park, There is also a real lack of other off lead areas in that local area.
341	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia is a great dog park that should be kept an off leash park. There are a huge number of responsible dog owners that enjoy this park and it shouldn't be taken away for just 5 complaints.

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367	I do not support the proposed change	I have been a regular user of the park to walk and exercise my dog. In the past 5 years of usage, never have I encountered any unpleasant behavior from the dog owner or dogs. The off leash area is perfect size and far away from the traffic and it makes sense to keep it as it is. It offers convenience and safety to all dog owners nearby. Especially not much off leash area around the neighborhood. Therefore, I do not support shutting the off leash area in Monte Cecilia Park. ██████████ █
389	I do not support the proposed change	Makes no sense - few stupid dog owners should not be reason for everyone to be punished! Fine owners who don't clean up after dogs, fine owners who has ill behaved dogs, rather than punishing good dogs and dog owners
401	I do not support the proposed change	Off leash play enables better socialization and therefore better behaved dogs.
404	I do not support the proposed change	This is a well-known for dog owner gathering and can help with people learning from each other. Bad owner should be punished not the good owner
417	I do not support the proposed change	I advocate for being allowed dogs under control and on leash in more of aucklands regional parks and within more areas of aucklands regional parks. Walking and hiking in Aucklands regional parks is a perfect activity for having canine companionship. There is plenty of space for everyone and when dogs are under control on leash there is little room for that to be problematic to anyone. Currently the options for getting fresh air and exercise for dog owners in Auckland are already incredibly limited. I do not support limiting this further. Again, the emphasis should be on policing and preventing bad dog ownership, not making it impossible for good dogs and owners to enjoy wholesome, healthy activities in our own neighborhoods.
421	I do not support the proposed change	This is the only place dogs can run around off leash in this area. It's not like there are council dog parks. This park already has off leash and on leash areas. Just enforce this is enough.
471	I do not support the proposed change	People regularly come together after 5pm for dogs to interact and play together, which we regularly attend. Changes to have dogs on lease, will mean the end of these meetings.
477	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on leash at all times in the park is cruel. The whole park should be off-leash.
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all public areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
525	I do not support the proposed change	We are frequent visitors at Monte Cecilia and we have never come across issues with dogs. Many people and local know that it is an off leash area for dogs . Everyone has always been friendly and accepting.
560	I do not support the proposed change	I am strongly against this and wonder if you've seen the area. It is a perfect place to allow a dog to run off lead. I go at 6am and meet a friend for 30 min while our dogs run together. I've seen so much joy for humans and dogs there
561	I do not support the proposed change	Loosing off leash dog areas makes it harder to walk dogs in the city. There should be more not less! Most dogs need to be off leash to have a good run and play with each other. Being on a leash all the time is simply not the answer.

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593	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great place for dogs and owners to connect and enjoy the park - if anything the rules here could be relaxed further.
596	I do not support the proposed change	AS a community of dog owners and dog lovers, this off the leash area is far more than an area for our dogs to exercise and socialise. It's a community of people who provide emotional support and friendship to one another. We have people who are struggling with mental health issues who bring their dogs down, so that they can get out of the house and have human interaction. We have people who have been unemployed for a long time, whose only guaranteed daily human interaction is meeting up at the dog park, where they can stand and chat to people while their dog plays and socialises. I cannot understand why these changes are being proposed as I have yet to encounter an unfriendly dog at this park, and have only encountered responsible owners who clean up after their animals. Please consider that the proposed changes are going to have more of an impact on human lives, than those of the animals as at a time when community and human connection is in short supply, the proposed changes will effectively kill off a wonderful, friendly community group.
615	I do not support the proposed change	I would love an off leash area pls

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616	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my disappointment with potential changes being considered for the Monte Cecilia off-leash dog park. As I understand, the Puketāpapa Local Board is working towards making the park an on-leash only zone. As a frequent visitor of the park, I have strong concerns that the negative experience of a small group of individuals is disproportionately impacting the ability of a far greater number of Aucklanders to enjoy and utilise the park. I also have grave concerns that without the utilisation of dog-visiting patrons, the park will become largely vacant and devoid of character and life. I realise not all members of the Board are supportive of the changes proposed. Thank you for listening. I strongly encourage those who are looking to progress the changes to reconsider and explore alternate options. While I understand the need for safety and the concerns that may arise from off-leash areas, I believe there are alternative solutions that can address these issues without eliminating the off-leash privilege. As was identified in recent Board meetings, signage is not clear to indicate off-leash areas. It appears that the local Board is proposing an 'extreme' reaction, where there are clearly interim steps that could be taken to preserve the benefits of the off-leash area. These decisions should not be taken lightly. Once benefits or privileges like this are removed - history shows they do not come back. It therefore seems rational that prior to making decisions that will have long-lasting ramifications, interim steps are considered. As local Board members, I strongly encourage you to turn up to the park one morning on a weekend and talk to locals. These decisions may be easy to make on paper, but if you listen to the voice of the community I suspect you will realise the gravity of the change you have proposed and the passion of the Aucklanders you
626	I do not support the proposed change	I walk my dog daily at Mont Cecilia Park - I have never encountered any problems with her or the other dogs there being off leash - the proposed change seems unnecessary and draconian and will not fix the underlying problem of dog control in this city which are the owners who are irresponsible, do not register, care for or walk their dogs in a responsible manner.
628	I do not support the proposed change	Reducing dog off leash area in auckland will cause more problems (dog fights), not less. There are so few places we can have dogs off leash already.
632	I do not support the proposed change	This is an iconic dog exercise area and is used by many in the community. Visit on the weekends and it is evident how popular a meeting spot it is for dogs and their owners. The basin is very large so dogs are easily contained within it, and don't affect traffic on the encircling paths. There are still plenty of areas within the park that dogs must be on leash, so for those that want to avoid roaming dogs they have plenty to choose from. There are very few excellent off leash areas in the vicinity and it would be a huge loss for our dogs.

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634	I do not support the proposed change	Monte cecilia is one of the safest dog parks around Auckland due to good owners, making it on leash only will remove the only park I feel safe to take my dog to. In 7 years of nearly daily walks I have not seen a single issue. There are plenty of parks near by which are already on leash only for people who hate dogs
635	I do not support the proposed change	Don't let a few irresponsible dog owners ruin it for everyone else! Dogs deserve to have places they are allowed to run free while under control. More should be done about bad owners, not taking fun away from dogs. Being off leash allows a dog to explore and experience higher levels of mental stimulation resulting in calmer and healthier dogs
647	I do not support the proposed change	The park is one of a few large central Auckland parks where dogs are allowed off leash/under control. I believe this should be expanded to the whole of Monte Cecelia. Walking my dogs here regularly. I encounter people without dogs and there are never any issues everybody gets along just fine.
651	I do not support the proposed change	Good afternoon, I have been a regular user of Monte Cecelia for the last three years. We love this park - we visit it nearly every afternoon with my dog Baxter. It is such a special place for us because we know we can let our dog run after his ball and get some good exercise while we enjoy the other dog walkers and their dogs. Our boy is high energy and really needs this time off leash to get proper exercise, because there is no way we could exercise him adequately while walking him short distances on a leash. So we have been extremely grateful for having this space available to us in our community. I believe there have been a few complaints put forward by members of the public and I would like to beg that you don't take the perspective of the minority and try to listen to the majority of regular responsible park users. All the owners I have met, many of whom are regulars, are responsible for their dogs, know their dogs well and keep them under control while they are off leash in the allocated area. Since I have started walking there I have kept note of the dogs names and their owners, and I know many of the dogs temperaments well and how they get along with my boy. It has been extremely rare to find a dog who poses a risk to a person or to another dog and I would like to emphasise they are the exception, not the rule, and they are reported to the council and police if they occur. The dogs and owners who have been a problem in the past are reported, because dog walkers want to keep themselves, their children and their dogs safe while enjoying the park. We want this to be a safe place for everyone to enjoy. Please don't take this space away from us. My family need a place we can take our boy to run and play, while we enjoy the sunshine and community after a long day of work.
689	I do not support the proposed change	We need to retain at least some off-leash areas in Auckland; this is not a huge area but it is important to have

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699	I do not support the proposed change	For many dog owners in Onehunga, the lagoon simply isn't able to be used because of the strong need to dredge it, it's not always practical to go to a beach environment for your dog's walk (green parks are much better/cleaner/more convenient), and it's really unsafe for dogs near the carpark. Therefore, for dog-owning residents in this area, Monte Cecilia is a CRUCIAL alternative to walk dogs off-leash. If you can't go to Onehunga Lagoon for the reasons above, the next park you can go to is Monte Cecilia. The off leash area is only in the bowl and it is a reasonable compromise to offer dog owners in the region this area to run their dogs off the leash. It would be extremely disappointing to prohibit off-leash use in this area, and would cause significant opposition.
703	I do not support the proposed change	This area has alot of families with dogs and crazy need access to areas to exercise there dogs of the lead. If people are scared of dogs they should use all the other parks where dogs are not allowed. Better patoling of areas for dangerous unmuzzled dogs would be more appropriate and fine people who do no have dogs under control or pick up after them
720	I do not support the proposed change	This is a good off-leash area as there are no cars or waterways nearby. I have seen large groups of dogs (and owners) gathering in the bowl area but there is lots of open space. It would be a shame to lose any off-leash option here
736	I do not support the proposed change	Ahiah Marie, this rōpu has become a welcoming and positive community area. It is the only place that has a large open space in the community where people stand and talk while their dogs socialise. More that that, it is a safe haven for people who are feeling lonely and lost, making it feel more like a whanua than a park. Many of the regular dog owners are people who are lonely, unemployed, or work from home. This space provides them with place to see a familiar face, have a positive conversation to begin or end their day, and generally gives them a sense of whanaungatanga and hauora. This is why it is incredibly valuable for the sake of people's mental health as well as their dogs exercise! Ngā mihi mahana
756	I support the proposed change	There are other areas in the park more defined and better suited to off leash - could there be a trade off rather than all on leash?
770	I do not support the proposed change	No more than 2 dogs under control of a registered owner should be allowed in town area unleashed
784	I do not support the proposed change	This is a very popular dog park that allows dogs to socialise off-leash. There is no justification to make this on-leash - human visitors have lots of other areas they can walk in, while this is the only area that dogs can enjoy. Just tell the humans to stay away from this area if they don't like dogs.
789	I do not support the proposed change	The current areas are perfect for dog training, socialation, dog owners groups to meet, all of which is important & utilised by my family

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801	I do not support the proposed change	The reason why this park is so good for the dogs is due to them being able to run around freely with other dogs and play together with the space of the entire bowl if they decide to use it this is one of the main reasons for the people who come to this dog park so they can just relax and let the dogs run around with other dogs and tire themselves out and without worry of it being close to roads.
817	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on leashes are permitted at this park, one of the few in the vicinity. If this were removed, Onehunga Bay would become overcrowded with dog owners. Furthermore, by providing dogs with a secure environment for exercise and socialization, off-leash places encourage responsible pet ownership and lessen disturbances in other public spaces. Both dog owners and park visitors gain from maintaining this access.
830	I do not support the proposed change	This place is perfect for dogs running together and playing together! People love sitting and watching dogs in this park! Return it to an off leash area!
835	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules provide a large area for dogs to exercise off leash and a separate pathway to avoid pedestrians. They both can stay away from each other and all get to enjoy the park.
856	Other (please explain below)	If this is enforced it would be ok but there are currently dogs off leash on the paths around the park.
863	I support the proposed change	Currently owners let their dogs off leash straight from the carpark and they run around, poop everywhere near people, and the rules are not followed. They should be on leash at all times to better manage issues.
870	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the most beautiful areas to exercise your dog off leash, and there is a serious shortage of safe off leash areas like this in Auckland. It is important for dogs to have some off leash time every day to get rid of their energy and keep them fit and healthy. The dogs who visit this area are always well behaved, under control and happy.
873	I do not support the proposed change	Why can't dogs have somewhere to run freely - there is no cafe or anyone in that area
877	I do not support the proposed change	the joy and good health it brings to 100s of locals and their dogs cannot be taken away due to a few small minded people who do not enjoy dogs off a lead all dogs I see at this park are well controlled and the benefit in mental and physical health to their owners is immense -- do not take that away from them due to small minority of mean spirited folk who can walk at local one tree hill etc if they want to be dog free

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886	I do not support the proposed change	I would support dogs being allowed off leash at all times throughout the day at this park. There is a wonderful community of dogs and dog owners. We use the park several times per week and have never encountered any problems at all. All the dog owners we meet are responsible and look after their pets, whilst socializing with other owners and dogs. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet others in the community. We often come across elderly people walking the park from the nearby retirement village, either with their own dogs, or alone. They enjoy interacting with us for a chat and often stop to say hello to our dog. I have never seen any menacing dogs at this park. I would thoroughly support preferable making this an off leash park - even if was in the morning up until 9 and in the evening after 5 - as it is at beaches. The bowl should remain off leash throughout the day. Thank you.
890	I do not support the proposed change	See my previous comment about there not being enough off leash dog exercise parks in Auckland.
911	I do not support the proposed change	So many NZ families have dogs so we should be allowing people to take them to as many places as possible so dogs become socialised and then will not cause any issues. The rest of the western world allow dogs everywhere.
941	I do not support the proposed change	I don't understand why you are doing this. Currently dog owners utilise this space in high numbers due to the off leash nature of the area. Changing the ruling will impact the usage of this space. Again you are changing things for the sake of changing. We are council rate payers and you should be improving the region. There is already a significant amount of parks and beaches where dogs are not allowed off leash.
951	I do not support the proposed change	I failed to see why Dogs should be punished and made to stay on lead because of a few anxious people who choose to walk in an 'off lead' area and then get upset when a dog runs up to them to say hi get a pact. Monte Cecilia is a large park with multiple grass areas that can accommodate humans and dogs. We frequent this park, in fact, go there most days, as do many other Dog owners. There was a large community who all get along together and never have problems. Punishing the dogs by making them on a lead 100% of the time, isn't my view cruelty to animals. Better signage would assist walkers to know where it is safe Dog free for them to walk. Or perhaps making half of the park totally Dog free (ie: Pah House side)so that scared and anxious humans have an area of a can go to where there are no dogs, might be the way to go.
960	I do not support the proposed change	Massive park, mostly empty at all times, why stop owners having off lead access?
975	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great place for dogs to play and socialize with other dogs and people. More people walk and take their dog than walkers, the whole area should be off leash.

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982	I don't know	What a crazy idea!!! Taking away a beautiful dog park for what? This park is mainly used by dog walkers and the odd elderly from the local retirement village. I often go here with my spoodle and there is often not a single non-dog owner in the park for the whole time I am there (we can be there for us to 2 hours). You should be changing the rule so the whole park is off lead.
987	I do not support the proposed change	Off leash within the bowl is an important part of their socialisation.
1016	I do not support the proposed change	This park is a huge staple of the dog community. It provides a safe place for dogs to run under control. Again, changing these parks to on leash at all times will not rectify any issues as people who at the problem are not attending these parks. It's irresponsible owners not containing their dogs within their yards and are roaming. There are less and less places for dogs to be off leash and confined dog parks are more dangerous than these types of nice open parks.
1037	I do not support the proposed change	Im a Rate payer and payer of 2 x dog registrations. I pay for maintenance of these parks to walk my dogs who are also under control. What is the point in paying exorbitant rates and registration fees if we are not allowed off leash access to the park?
1050	I do not support the proposed change	This area provides a well-controlled area for socialisation of dogs and their owners and a great exercise area running up the hills which would not be possible on leash. This area is well away from pathways where physically vulnerable people can also enjoy the park safely. A single incident is not a reason to change the park for numerous users.
1081	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia is a large park used by a range of people. The bowl on the north-eastern side is a well-defined area that dog owners almost exclusively use. It provides shade during the summer for owners and their dogs, preventing burnt paws from hot pavements. Diverse groups of dog lovers meet and socialise there, building flourishing communities. I acknowledge some dog owners allow their dogs off-leash outside of this bowl. However, increased signage at the park's bottom and top could rectify many of the concerns. It would be a shame not to try an increase in signage option before making it on-leash and destroying the beautiful community that has been created there.
1082	I do not support the proposed change	Keep status quo and so not further restrict where responsible dog owners can walk their dogs

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1089	I do not support the proposed change	We are often at Monte Cecilia Park with our dog and have never met a disrespectful owner. Park users have most of the Park to enjoy with offleash dogs and yet CHOSE to sit in or near the offleash area making it difficult for dog owners who then have to avoid their dog going to a picnic in the only spot a dog has the ability to run free, chase a ball etc. Other Park users have already got a lot of space to use, there are more disrespectful humans than dogs and 1 or 2 bad dog owners make up a very small percentage. Dogs are getting less and less rights in NZ. NZ needs to look at countries that allow dogs to fit into society more. Stop punishing good dogs and owners for the small percentage of bad ones and focus on fixing the bad, not micromanaging all dogs.
1105	I do not support the proposed change	I would like to keep the park off leash.
1124	I do not support the proposed change	There appear to be no problems in the park at present. Owners who walk their dogs and socialise in Monte Cecilia Park present as highly motivated and careful and considerate of all users in this area.
1125	I support the proposed change	We used to walk our dog (leashed) around the perimeter of the park twice a day. Most dogs we saw were unleashed. However after 2 attacks from unleashed dogs we no longer do so. One Tree Hill is far safer. As well as the proposed bylaw change, I suspect dog control officers will need to rigorously police it until the change has bedded in, with dog owners accepting this is not a 'Big King' environment.
1141	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great off leash park.
1143	I do not support the proposed change	This is a perfect area to have dogs off leash as there is an unobstructed view from all sides. It does not impede other users of the park in any way as the hill is steep and slippery. I have never seen anyone trying to scale this side of the park, people use the paths instead. It is such a nice social event and the dogs benefit from this kind of socialization.
1164	I do not support the proposed change	The bowl area is clearly separated from the walking paths, so the risk is very small to any walkers. Also, this is for many dog owners the only calmer park environment where they can exercise their dogs. The dog community is very strong.
1174	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly disagree that dogs off leash create a significant risk to public. That statement is a nonsense. The park is huge and there is room for dogs lovers and dogs and for those who are not. There are large number of dogs in the area no some many dog exercise parks. Closing down the current off leash areas isn't good for dogs and their owners and it would be contrary to Council's efforts to promote family with dogs living. A significant risk to public is not true and there is no evidence of it.

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1176	I do not support the proposed change	The dog owners and dogs at monte Cecilia are incredibly well behaved. Most dogs appear to be pedigree and their owners very friendly and good people. I take our dog on occasion and the huge expanse of the park allows people without dogs to use the space too without concern. It would be a real shame to restrict this space to on leash as there are very few remaining off leash spaces left. This park seems particularly harmonious. Also dog owners attend the cafe and gallery.
1200	I do not support the proposed change	This is a dog park. It's used more by dog walkers than anyone else. I have not seen any problems at this park over the last 20 years that I have been using it.
1201	Other (please explain below)	There are many parks and reserves that permit dogs on leash only and very few permit dogs off leash. I am at Monte Cecilia 4-5 times a week and I believe the dog laws as they stand are suitable for the purpose of the park. If there must be changes then I propose a compromise and have a similar rule to beaches. Dogs off leash until 10am, back on leash until 4pm, and then off leash from 4pm until late. I believe dogs could become more aggressive if they are not socialised and always kept on a leash, wanting to lunge and play but not being allowed to interact. Please leave the dog laws as they are at Mt Cecilia. It would make me and [REDACTED] very happy :-). Thank you for reading my submission.
1202	I do not support the proposed change	This is a large park and the naturally formed bowl is ideal for dogs and enables use of the park away from persons who do not wish to be near dogs. This park is used by the dog owning community and forms a hub and community meeting space. Dogs are in control and the local community use it extensively. The park is well and truly large enough to be maintained as it is without it impacting anyone and allowing a wonderful place for dogs and owners to utilise it alongside the rest of the community. Better signage would be ideal but I strongly oppose changes to the current rules within this park. I would be heartbroken to not be able to take my dog here to run in the designated area and socialise with other dogs which is so important to ensure dogs are non reactive and can socialise appropriately with other dogs and humans.
1205	I do not support the proposed change	There are too few off leash areas for well cared for dogs in Auckland already - having an off leash zone allows for important unrestrained exercise and socialising of family pets - having dogs run and play brings significant benefits to both dog and owners (remember that dog owners are ratepayers also!) - society has too many people that love to complain about almost everything - these people can be advised by signage that dogs will be running off leash and if that's not for them they are free to visit any number of other parks around Auckland where dogs will be leashed. Let's not allow the woke brigade to spoil everything good!

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1207	I do not support the proposed change	The dogs generally walked at this park are non aggressive, socialized, well cared for members of families. I would argue that there is minimal risk to the public. There are minimal off leash dog exercise areas in Auckland as it is. Use the money wasted on changing these bylaws for something useful like eradicating non controlled breeding, roaming, aggressive dogs found in pockets all over Auckland that are a definite risk to the public, not the poodles, labradors, Chihuahuas and under control others of Monte Cecelia.
1225	I do not support the proposed change	There are barely any off leash spots for our dogs to go. There are owners who fully take responsibility for their dogs, we have them under full control and have good training with them. Please stop banning a good spot for a dog to be a dog. It's becoming totally unfair. Monte Cecilia Park is not a huge park so it's nice for the dogs to have a space and for us humans walking them for us to have a nice time walking our dogs.
1228	I do not support the proposed change	The off leash area in this park is a small area of the park which is used regularly by responsible dog owners and from many visits over years has minimal impact on other park users. Better signage in the area could make it clear that this area is the only off leash area in the park.
1328	I do not support the proposed change	As a general comment of the proposed rules (though Monte Cecelia affects me most), these changes do restrict the places dogs can be off leash - with very few new places where they can be. With the number of dogs in Auckland and the increase in infill housing/apartment living the council need to introduce MORE off leash dog areas in appropriate places - particularly in all the larger parks in Auckland. I agree that birdlife and sports fields need to be protected from dogs, but there do need to be areas for dogs to "be dogs" off leash... generally away from playgrounds, popular spots etc.
1330	I do not support the proposed change	The community benefit of having this park available is significant. Dogs are well behaved and there are few suitable areas in Onehunga/Royal Oak for similar.
1335	I support the proposed change	Safer for all users.
1343	I do not support the proposed change	This area is a well loved part of Monte Cecilia, so many friendly dogs love to run around OFF LEASH and play together daily. Taking this away means one less park in the wider area that has a lovely community for our pets to run around. To my understanding, the whole rest of the park is on leash, so this bowl shaped area is a part where people can avoid if they don't want to be around dogs. I do not see a 'significant risk' in there being this one part of the park off leash.
1358	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all parks.
1379	I do not support the proposed change	More dogs in Auckland and your solution is to restrict where and when they can go places, removing areas of much needed off leash areas and giving nothing in return. This makes absolutely no sense.

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1411	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia Park should remain off-leash to foster community connection, promote dogs' physical and mental health, and provide a safe, open environment for exercise. The park's spacious layout ensures minimal interference with other users, encouraging responsible pet ownership and enriching both human and canine experiences in the local area
1447	I do not support the proposed change	Enforce the “under control off-leash” policy. Or have a fenced area where dogs can be off-leash.
1451	I do not support the proposed change	I don't see why responsible dog owners of safe breeds are not allowed off leash. Other restriction at other council areas state dangerous breeds must be muzzled and on leash. I agree that this should be the case for this park if there is really “significant risk to public” but the majority of dog walkers we see at this park have responsible dogs. The usual case of a few (minority) that are not responsible and let their dangerous dogs run unleashed seems to once again affects the majority that have for many years enough the use of this park to throw a frisbee for their dogs.... I don't support this major change. I do support dangerous breeds to be muzzled and on leash.
1460	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose the proposal to change the off-leash rule in the bowl area. Well-behaved dogs deserve the opportunity to enjoy a small, designated area where they can exercise and socialize off-leash. This not only benefits the dogs but also allows dog owners to responsibly enjoy the park with their fur friends. Instead of eliminating the off-leash space entirely, we should consider maintaining a dedicated area where dogs can have freedom while ensuring clear boundaries and rules for safety, so all park users can coexist peacefully
1470	I do not support the proposed change	I believe there is enough space at Monte Cecilia Park to allow use by both dogs and the public using the park without dogs. The space is great because of the open sight lines, lots of room to be near or apart from other people and their dogs, lots of space for dogs to properly run and play with each other, good shade, and no roads near by. It is a space heavily used by local residents and Aucklanders from further away (we often travel 20 minutes from our house to use the park) and their dogs, a well exercised dog is a healthy happy dog, and restricting access to on lead only will negatively impact them. The bowl area set aside as off lead currently is not a natural picnic spot due to the steepness of the hill and the distance from the carpark and paths, and as such a perfect area to allow dogs to be off lead.
1501	I do not support the proposed change	I have never experienced any problems with my dog or other dogs while enjoying time at the off-leash bowl area of Monte Cecilia. Having to keep my dog on-leash during the entirety of his time at Monte Cecilia will detract from his enjoyment and means I won't visit this park as often.
1504	I do not support the proposed change	Off leash dog parks in this part of Auckland are very limited

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1538	I do not support the proposed change	The bowl is an ideal off leash exercise area. When we visit all we see there are dogs and their owners/families. It's not suitable for picnics or as a children's play ground, especially in winter when the lower portion is muddy. The off leash area is easily identified. We seldom see off leash dogs on the adjoining pathways, or people without dogs using those paths or walking up, down or across the bowl. Instead of making the whole park leash only because a few people either can't control their dog(s) or be bothered to keep them leashed till they get to the bowl another option may be restricting off leash times to before 10am and after 4pm in winter and 5pm in summer. Status quo is better though.
1548	I do not support the proposed change	It is ridiculous how such a big park cannot allow dogs to be off leash. I visit there every week or two and never seen any problems of dogs causing issues to humans.
1563	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the few dog off leash parks in the area, and is greatly used by dog walkers.
1578	I do not support the proposed change	There is sufficient space for off leash activity in a controlled area away from traffic and people who do not want to be around dogs
1584	I do not support the proposed change	I use this park twice weekly and it is one of the only places that it is safe for dogs to mix and mingle off leash as well as have a good sniff around in the bowl. There is still plenty of safe areas in the park for people to avoid dogs. Actively and regularly managing the on leash area to make sure people use leads might help... I've never seen an incident in the bowl area
1587	I do not support the proposed change	Turning off-leash areas into prohibited zones requires an exceptionally valid reason; otherwise, it feels unjustifiable. Most areas are already on-leash or entirely off-limits to dogs. What exactly are dog owners supposed to do? Keep their dogs confined at home all the time? Dogs need to run and play freely, not just walk on a leash every single time. To those making such strict rules: would you feel comfortable being on a leash, held by someone every time you walked in a park? It's about fairness and understanding the needs of all living beings, including our furry family members.
1600	I support the proposed change	There are people using Monte Cecelia Park as a means of outdoors exercise and I noted a times some people get a big fright and try to avoid dogs due to fear of dogs. It will be great to have the off lead dogs areas clearly sign posted for people to know to avoid the area if they fear dogs.
1614	I do not support the proposed change	I walk there with my dog almost every day unless there is a human event happening or schools are using the park. I often walk my dog not during the day but morning and evening. Most dog owners are the same. My dog enjoys off leash in the bowl area and groups meet there to socialise their dogs. I have not seen any dogs attack any person but I have seen a staff member from the building attack and abuse people just walking their dogs.
1629	I do not support the proposed change	Monte cecila is a beautiful park with ample grass area for dogs to run around. The basin should stay as an off leash park. It is one of the only local parks that isn't bogged down in mud in winter. It would be a shame to change the rules to on lease only. I certainly won't be going if the council changes the policy.

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1683	I do not support the proposed change	Monte is our main park for exercising our dog. Monte has a wonderful dog community, I have made many friends and many people who visit comment on how it is such a great area for dogs. It is used extremely well by its dog walking patrons and I have had very few issues. Most of our community has dogs, by making it on leash we are unable to truly exercise our dogs. Make a sweeping decision to our local parks it a real detriment to our community. It is used by so many and would actually bring more harm than good. We are forced to live in small residential places as our population increases..... where do you think people are supposed to exercise their dogs safely if you remove off leash places. Surely we should be more accepting as a society to dogs? I would be very disheartened with the council if they decided to change the rules at Monte Cecilia. From a user who exercises her dog twice daily at this particular park.
1718	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland council please read this and understand that our dogs benefit from this space immensely and it is hard enough finding spaces to ensure our dogs wellbeing is supported please do not make this on leash for this small area in the bowl never heard of any issues
1739	I do not support the proposed change	I am relatively new to Auckland from Christchurch. About 4 years in have lived a 5 minute walk to the [REDACTED] entrance of monte. We walk my border collie 2 times daily over at the park. I have only seen poor human behavior rather than general dog aggression towards people and other dogs. What a great park it is and that off lease area will and should always remain just that. Off leash.
1740	I do not support the proposed change	There are minimal safe places dog owners can take their dogs to walk off leash and play with other dogs. We pay a lot in dog registration fees but Auckland seems to get less and less dog friendly. The bowl at Monte Cecilia park isn't on the main path way and should definitely stay as an off leash part of the park.
1741	I do not support the proposed change	What evidence are you using to make this the preferred option? There is currently a good balance of on and off leash areas in the park. I use this park weekly to exercise myself and my dog and have neve seen an issue with the dogs off leash in the bowl area where many residents take their dogs. this is a most beautiful park and is very well used. To have all dogs on a leash in my opinion will cause an issue with dog aggression as often when they are on leash they feel more threatened by larger dogs that come near them, off leash they are all on common ground and there is generally no issues. To take away this option from the park will be detrimental to dog owners, dog and the cafe operating there- as people will g elsewhere.

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1762	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposal to change the rule from off-leash to on-leash in the bowl area to protect park users. This proposal is problematic for several reasons: 1. ~~S~~ignificant Reduction in Dog-Friendly Areas: Changing the rule would significantly reduce the space available for dogs to exercise and play freely, particularly in a largely unused section of the park. 2. ~~R~~estrictions on Owners: Central dog owners already have very limited access to off-leash areas. This proposal would further restrict their options, making it difficult for them to find suitable places to exercise their dogs. 3. ~~P~~unitive Measures Against Responsible Dog Owners: The proposal unfairly targets responsible dog owners who use the bowl area to safely exercise and socialize their dogs. These changes would penalize those who follow the currently in placed rules and ensure their dogs are well-behaved. 4. ~~N~~egative Impact on Dog Wellbeing: The bowl area is a beloved spot for many dogs to run and play. Removing this opportunity would have negative impacts on their physical and mental health, especially when coupled with the already limited opportunities for dogs to enjoy off-leash activities.
1775	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to run free and it's ridiculous to expect them to be on a lead in the bowl area. They do no harm having a run around. Meeting and greeting playing. While multiple dogs are interacting it is impossible to have them on lead.
1789	I support the proposed change	dogs currently take over the park, toilet everywhere and walkers are not cleaning them up. I have to move to another area when they turn up in huge numbers.
1810	I do not support the proposed change	Normal people that go for a walk will be walking on the track there and not into the bowl. I don't see a point on taking away the off leash policy here for the dogs.
1824	I do not support the proposed change	The bowl is the only off leash section, it's not large and the rest of the park is leashed, these rules should remain the same. There are many petitions currently being signed in favour of keeping Monte Cecilia as off leash in the bowl. Many people travel a far to visit Monte Cecilia...myself included, it's a great meet spot for dog owners for their dogs to play in a safe and secure environment.
1847	I do not support the proposed change	For all reductions in dog access areas, I strongly oppose the changes. Resources for dog owners are already so minimal. There are nearly limitless options for people that don't want to be around dogs. Why continue to punish dog owners? It will only cause more problems as dog owners will become desperate so start ignoring rules entirely. More dog access areas will lead to more stimulated and better exercised and socialized dogs leading to better behaviour.
1854	Other (please explain below)	Same for all areas - we should have a section for owners and dogs to be off leash during summer.

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1866	I do not support the proposed change	In the many years I have used this park I've never seen or experienced any issues with the dogs off leash. Currently we dog owners are not being given many options to provide our pets with room to exercise and enjoy the opportunity to run free. Considering we pay for the privilege of owning a pet, my expectation is that council will provide services for us. The majority of people using the park are dog owners and this is no doubt due in part to the scarcity of suitable spaces for our pets while non dog owners are spoilt for choice
1867	I do not support the proposed change	The dog community at Monte Cecilia is wonderful. All dog owners are respectful and love the area.
1875	I do not support the proposed change	Dear council I am writing to urge you not to ban dogs from our beloved regional parks, beaches, and public spaces. As a vibrant part of our community, these natural areas should be open to everyone, including responsible dog owners, who are an integral part of our society. Why Dogs in Parks Matter: 1. Health and Well-being: Dogs are not only wonderful companions, but studies have shown that walking with dogs encourages more physical activity, which can help combat the rising rates of sedentary lifestyles and chronic diseases. These outings promote better mental health, lower stress levels, and a deeper connection to nature—benefits that extend to the whole family. 2. Economic Impact: Dogs help generate revenue for our parks. Local businesses benefit from dog owners spending on pet-related products, pet services, and park fees. Tourism also sees a positive impact as people often choose destinations where they can bring their dogs, boosting the local economy and increasing the sense of community. 3. Social Responsibility: Responsible dog ownership is a core part of being a good community member. Many dog owners are highly committed to respecting public spaces—cleaning up after their pets, keeping dogs on leashes when required, and ensuring their pets do not disrupt others. Banning dogs punishes those who are mindful and courteous, while the real challenge lies in enforcing responsible behaviour. Ensure you are fining and implementing consequences for those who

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1895	I do not support the proposed change	There are already restrictions in the park and places for people to spend time in on the other side (with dogs on leads). People can freely sit there. The rules should be more effectively enforced if there is an issue, not changed. The dogs are well behaved and we relish having That resource to exercise our pets properly on the bowl greatly. As do the dogs. There is a great community of dog owners who use the bowl and as Aucklanders and Onehunga residents and rate payers we feel very shut out and ignored by these proposed changes. Our dogs are very people friendly. We have never had or witnessed any issues with badly behaved dogs in the 7 years we have been using the park.
1910	I do not support the proposed change	stop restricting access.
1953	I do not support the proposed change	It is a very specific area where the dogs can run off leash of the whole park, with other areas not being allowed
1957	I do not support the proposed change	People and dogs need off leash area to enjoy. The rules should remain as they are.
1961	I do not support the proposed change	The naturally formed bowl area where dogs are allowed to be off leash at Monte Cecilia park is an incredibly special part of the dog community - we've been visiting there for over four years and never once experienced a negative interaction with another dog. It provides a space for dog owners to connect while dogs are off the leash we've built a really great community here. Off leash time is important for a dogs learning and this has hugely contributed to our dogs growth. It's welcoming and friendly (this applies to both humans and the dogs!) and will be a huge shame if dogs have to be leashed.
1966	I do not support the proposed change	Absolutely nuts. Dogs at Monte are well behaved. Who is complaining? Dog facilities (bins and bags) have never been provided anyway.
1980	I do not support the proposed change	The park is often used by dog walkers and non dog walkers. We have never seen a negative interaction between the two - so why would you change this?

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1998	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed change to Monte Cecilia park which would require dogs to be on-leash at all times. As a member of the community and a frequent user of the park, I believe this change would negatively impact both residents and their pets. Monte Cecilia park provides an essential space for dogs to exercise, socialize, and enjoy freedom in a safe environment. For many owners, this park is one of the few accessible areas where dogs can roam off-leash legally and responsibly. Off-leash exercise is critical for a dog's mental and physical health. Additionally, off-leash parks foster a sense of community. Many dog owners develop friendships and a shared sense of responsibility for the park's upkeep. This community spirit would be lost if the park's designation is changed. While I understand the council may have reasons for proposing this change, I urge you to consider alternative solutions to address any specific concerns. These could include: Improved signage reminding owners of their responsibilities. Regular patrols to ensure compliance with on leash areas of the park I believe these measures would better address any challenges while maintaining the park as a vital resource for dog owners and their pets. Thank you for considering the community's perspective on this matter. I would be happy to discuss this further or participate in any upcoming consultations.
2010	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great reserve to run dogs off lead.

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2016	I do not support the proposed change	Dear Auckland Council, I am writing to express my opposition to the council's proposed updates to our dog's policy. This would require all dogs to be on leash at 64 local parks, with Monte Cecelia being one of them. I frequent this park and my dog loves the place. This park has a cherished off-leash space for many dog owners and community members, and the proposed change would have several negative consequences. 1. Dog-Friendly Spaces Should Be More Accessible, Not Less: With a growing number of dog owners in Auckland, it is essential to provide more accessible dog-friendly spaces, not make them harder to find. Reducing off-leash areas creates unnecessary challenges for responsible dog owners seeking safe places for their pets to exercise and socialize. 2. Encouraging Active Lifestyles: Off-leash areas encourage dog owners to be more active and spend time outdoors. Reducing these spaces may discourage exercise and outdoor activities for both dogs and their owners, which is counterproductive to promoting public health and well-being. 3. Environmental Considerations: Well-exercised dogs are less likely to display destructive behaviors, such as digging or damaging property, which can occur when dogs are confined to leashed walks only. Maintaining off-leash areas helps ensure dogs have appropriate outlets for their energy.
2094	I do not support the proposed change	There are very limited places in this local community where dogs can be off leash safely. If you change the rules for this area people will have to travel to other areas, creating 2 issues - traffic and busier off leash parks (which mean other issues when there are more dogs visiting them, ie more dog litter).
2098	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few places dogs can safely be off-leash away from roads etc. If there are going to be stricter rules then at least provide fenced off-leash areas to make up for it. Look to other cities such as Sydney that have plenty of FENCED dog parks to keep both people and dogs safe.
2100	I do not support the proposed change	Keep an off leash park
2135	I do not support the proposed change	this is a great area for dogs to exercise in a very nice park. Do not take this away from dog owners

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2139	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2142	I do not support the proposed change	This park has built a loyal and safe community over the last few years. It's one of the only parks in Auckland that is mud free, has a big open space, and always has people turn up to. I would be at a loss for words of this park turned into a leash only area - it would really make owning a dog in this city extremely hard as I visit here nearly every day.
2183	I do not support the proposed change	We share this land - with all living things. We cannot prohibit access because it might cause issue with a few biased individuals. This doesn't solve an issue it creates disconnect and segregation between demographics. Focus on educating dog owners as well as non- dog owners and simplifying regulations. If people get used to dogs everywhere, the less of an issue it will become. Dogs bring joy to peoples' lives. Stop trying to take away their rights to play. That's all they ask...we have people that treat them horrifically, people who hit them, beat them and try to kill them and yet they stay loyal to their owners and only ever ask for love and a good walk in return. Just let them be part of the community.
2184	I do not support the proposed change	Keep current policy
2185	Other (please explain below)	Please provide as many opportunities as possible for on-lead walking.
2193	I support the proposed change	After having my dog viciously attacked at this park in the on leash walking path by an out of control OFF LEASH DOG. We no longer feel safe visiting here.
2198	I do not support the proposed change	There are very limited dog friendly exercises areas in Auckland and these are reducing. Monte Cecilia especially should not be changed as the bowl area is away from main pedestrian track and causes minimal, if any, disruption to people walking around the park. This is a very popular and treasured dog exercise area.
2271	I do not support the proposed change	The off leash area provides an excellent area for dogs (particularly large dogs) to run freely and socialise with other dogs who are also off leash. From a human perspective, this is a great local meet-up for fellow dog owners.
2280	I do not support the proposed change	It's already such a small area of the park as it is and important part of the community to be able to exercise dogs off leash here.
2288	I do not support the proposed change	It is important for dogs to socialise off lead as it allows for natural connection and betters their life experience. As there are already certain parts of the park that enforce dogs being onleash, having a specific area where dogs are able to roam (with supervision) doesn't hinder others experience in the park as they are aware of where the off-leash dogs will be.
2310	I do not support the proposed change	It's a really great meet up for Dogs and Dog owners at this place and I have never seen anything go badly

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2312	I do not support the proposed change	This is the only good off-leash park in the area, which is not close to busy roads. I think more could be done to discourage off leash walking in restricted areas, the bowl should remain off leash.
2351	I do not support the proposed change	As a regular user of this park for the last 7-8 years, the off-leash part of this park has been fantastic for exercising and socialising dogs. Over the summer there can often be over 30 dogs at one time, and in the time, I have been going there has been probably on a handful of aggressive dogs who no longer turn up. In the time I have been using the park, I would say around 90% of park users are there with a dog off leach. Changing this to a leashed area almost negates the point of having it as a dog park, as the rules are no different to anywhere else in the city. I also note that in the Puketapapa area, of the 6 off leash areas, the proposal is to reduce this to just 2. This is simply ridiculous.
2371	I do not support the proposed change	There is no reason to change the standing rules. Dogs are already restricted to off leash in one area of a very large park. Within that area, it's mostly grass with very little intersection of walkways. Maybe it should be patrolled more my council staff to ensure people are abiding by the current rules than allowing a very small portion to ruin it for the majority
2379	I do not support the proposed change	I am a regular user of Monte Cecilia park, walking my dog off the leash there. I have not witnessed any dangerous activity (by dogs) towards the public in that time. Dogs are part of our families and communities, and they need places where they can run around and socialise with other animals. This would remove a convenient and well-utilised location for many people. I do support a limit on the number of dogs one person can have. A pack-walker with a large number of dogs is the only time I have felt a potential concern for animal / human safety. With this restriction in place, it's hard to see why this much-loved dog-walking area would need to be changed.
2434	I do not support the proposed change	All dogs are with owners or carers. I am happy to say in all the daily visits I make with my dog I have not seen any serious fighting between dogs. This park has given many happy hours and days to All dogs I have seen , enjoying the freedom of the off leash bowl. We All need this space to remain !
2455	I do not support the proposed change	We need more off leash areas not less
2459	I do not support the proposed change	This is currently a great dog park and a perfect space where dogs and walkers / runners can co - exist
2476	I do not support the proposed change	This area is a valuable off-leash area in a city where free spaces are reducing. In all my visits to this area I have not encountered any problems. Maybe more oversight of the area not more restrictions, is the best solution to any problems.
2488	I do not support the proposed change	It's already to minum the parks and areas that you currently can walk with your dog, and to keep a healthy and balanced dog at least the dog need to be walked once a day.

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2504	I do not support the proposed change	Until the change to the current rules Monte Cecelia was a valuable off-leash area to exercise dogs. The change to only the bowl area - increased risk of dog aggression to other dogs given the relatively confined space.
2505	I do not support the proposed change	Same as previously. Majority users are dog walkers. Why pander to a minority user group who for the most part are unaffected by the activities of the dog walkers. As a regularly dog walker I've never seen the types of problems this bylaw seeks to fix. Why are we spending time/money changing something which isn't broken?
2515	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecelia is a beautiful, large park that can be enjoyed by young and old, dogs, walkers, runners, picnicians etc. It is large enough to accommodate all. The bowl area provides a wonderful space for dogs to run around. This is not an area of the park that you'd want to walk or run through (unless you are a dog!) as it's a big slope. So it's perfect for dogs. It is easily segregated from other areas of the park and the path provides a lovely space for walkers and runners to enjoy. If the bowl becomes on-leash I don't think the space will be utilized. Dog owners will stick to the paths (or just go to Cornwall park instead) and I doubt walkers would choose to walk through the bowl. I've frequented this park for years... I've pushed my babies in their prams, I've run and walked here, had a coffee on the bench and marvelled at the view. I've never encountered an issue with a dog or felt there were too many dogs or that dogs not controlled properly. The park is clean i.e. poo is picked up, which hints at the dog owners who frequent the park being responsible and respectful of how special this area is in our community. I am now a dog owner and my family enjoy walks here with our dog and the dog loves running down the bowl with our children and play with other dogs. It's one of my favourite places in my neighborhood and it would be a shame to change that. Improved rules for dog walking companies managing pack size and better signage for new users to understand the dog friendly areas would be beneficial. (I've never experienced an issue with the walking companies other than them getting annoyed when the school cross country is on!) I don't believe there is a 'dog problem' at Mt Cecelia. If it's not broken, please don't try fix it.

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2554	I do not support the proposed change	As a dog owner, I recognise how important it is to allow dogs time to socialise off-leash with other dogs in a social environment and to be allowed to sniff/explore/do all things 'dog' while not being tethered to a leash. Monte Cecilia is a wonderful park for doing just that. I have been walking my dog at Monte for 9 years and have never had a bad experience. We pay hefty dog registration fees every year, which, in part, gives us access to a minimal number of areas where we can walk our dogs unleashed. It gets to the point where we start wondering why we should bother paying our annual dog registration fees if we are losing more and more access to the things that we pay for. I am 100% against this proposal to have Monte Cecelia become an on-leash dog walking park.
2555	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are often well behaved in this park. Off leash dog walk is an important part of the dogs mental and physical health. It supports their social and happiness. On leash really restricts their movement and they cannot explore. Dogs are a strong bond between communities in Auckland.
2564	I do not support the proposed change	I have been taking my dog to this park almost every day since I got him as a puppy 5 years ago. The bowl area of the park is an ideal place for dogs to be able to have time off lead. It is a stunning natural setting and the dogs seem to understand naturally that they have been brought here to play. It is a sight to behold as dogs of all shapes and sizes finally have some space to run and play with each other. It would be a tragedy to take this away. In all the times that I have gone to the park the overwhelming majority of dogs that I have encountered have been well behaved and pose no danger whatsoever to people who want to enjoy the park. There is a strong culture of responsible dog ownership at this park. People look after their dogs, and in the incredibly rare instance where a dog might get over excited and make somebody uncomfortable, the owners are always quick to intervene. The dogs that come to this park regularly build a real attachment to the other dogs that they see, the other owners, and the natural beauty of the park itself. I feel strongly that such a bond would not be possible if the dogs were required to be on lead at all times. The existing rules that allow the dogs to be off lead have also contributed greatly to a real sense of community among the dog owners that go to the park regularly. I can say without a doubt that this park is my greatest connection to my local community. I have built strong friendships with many other dog owners that I see every week at this park. Unfortunately, if the rules change, I fear that this will all be destroyed. Yes, there are other off-lead parks ... but the group will scatter ... and something precious will have been lost. I am not sure what has prompted the desire for this change as I can say from

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2587	I support the proposed change	Local parks are less available locally for all to enjoy both dog owner and non dog owners who fear dogs. Lots of housing, the growth means less space for people to walk. I know people of people who have attacked by dogs in this park, these are not logged as people try to sort out themselves, sometimes dog owners take off, or share wrong information. Dogs are unpredictable and surprise owners sometimes, local board should making all areas are safe for families and wider public to attend the park. The park is the only big park for social recreation.
2599	I support the proposed change	The current by law has not worked . On line sites market it as a dog park , most of the dog owners ignore or dont understand the current rules and dogs are off leash all over the park and some are menacing (my wife was bitten by an off leash dog there If you are going to bring this change it will need to be well sign posted and advertised and enforced..... otherwise you will be wasting your time some dog owners will just ignore it I must say it is a shame as the idea of the bowl as an exercise area for dogs had merits but it has been ruined by the dogowners but to be fair it is confusing
2607	I do not support the proposed change	This is a massive overstep of a park that is almost solely used by dog owners. There are no sports fields here.
2608	I support the proposed change	Allows peaceful enjoyment of park for all.
2615	I do not support the proposed change	Under the current policy rules, dogs are allowed off-leash in the naturally formed bowl area, which strikes the balance of providing the dogs with the joy to enjoy their socialisations and plays, whilst also enabling the public to be using the walk paths free from the disturbance of free-roaming dogs. The change to completely change the off-leash area to an on-leash area seems rather cruel and disheartening when there is already limitations imposed in this park, which most of the public has been abiding by. Adding a certain time frame which enables dogs to be off-leash in this park would be better than having them on-leash at times especially when most dogs that visit are already accustomed to the fact that this bowl area is an area that they can go free (obviously under control) and have fun and look forward to.
2655	I do not support the proposed change	The only off-leash area currently is the central grassy bowl. Every weekend, this bowl is full of responsible dog owners, with dogs playing together. There would be no alternative purpose for this area, given the topography. We do not have a backyard where we can throw a ball for our dog, so Monte Cecilia is the only place we can go to let our dog run around. Again, it appears that these proposed changes have been made without any concern for responsible dog owners. Please do not proceed with these changes - I do not support them.

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2670	I do not support the proposed change	We need local places to exercise our dogs off leash especially high energy breeds where walking sometimes isn't enough. The designated off leash area at monte Cecilia is a sloped bowl and quite self contained and isn't really suitable for much else other than a great area to exercise dogs off leash and for dog owners to connect and enjoy their local park with their animals. We pay rates and taxes like everyone else and want local areas to exercise our animals off leash to ensure they are well taken care of. We are not a small group, there are a significant number of dog owners within the Auckland district and we need local off leash options for our dogs. We love Monte Cecilia dog park and would be devastated if we couldn't bring our dog there each week to play his favourite game of fetch as our backyard is far too small for this.
2692	I do not support the proposed change	Penalises responsible owners
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2725	I do not support the proposed change	This park has been used for many years by responsible dog owners and I think the current regulations where there is a specific off leash area works perfectly, as non dog people can walk around the outside of the bowl . - absolutely no need for change
2728	I do not support the proposed change	I have walked 2 dogs at Monte Cecelia Park for many years, ever since it became an authorised off-leash area in the bowl (now sadly only 1 dog). I have NEVER witnessed a problem with dogs being allowed to exercise off-leash in that area. It is obvious to other park visitors that this is a space allocated for dog exercise so people wanting to avoid dogs simply don't go into that space. People who take their dogs there are responsible dog owners and don't inconvenience other members of the public. The Council's own staff have recommended that Option 1 (Status quo) remains as there is no evidence of structural change and criteria for change has not been met. The park remains popular for people both with and without dogs. The Local Board created an off-leash area to provide balanced opportunities for everyone. The Council's own report states "there is no structural problem nor significant risks identified. Therefore there is no logical reason to change the rules.
2729	I do not support the proposed change	There are insufficient off leash exercise areas available already and claiming it will decrease risk is very subjective and convenient excuse without basis. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and reducing off leash areas punishes them and their dogs for no good reason.
2751	I do not support the proposed change	This park is a haven for dog and owner socialising in the designated off leash area. I propose individuals face disciplinary action rather than ruining the place for 99% of people who abide by the rules and keep their dogs under control both off and on leash.

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2755	I do not support the proposed change	The rationale for the change to being on leash only is flawed. What percentage of people have been put at risk by dogs walking in the bowl? This is a well known and well used off leash dog area and has been for some time and I have never heard of anyone being put at risk there. What's the risk if people know they will encounter dogs off their leads? I haven't seen any marauding dogs there, the owners are responsible. The issue is with people who don't have dogs thinking they have exclusive rights to an urban park. Dogs on leads are no guarantee that people will not be "put at risk". Feedback is most often ignored, so my dog will still be off leash in the bowl, whether he is prohibited or not. I'm a responsible owner, my dog is registered and it appears we are being penalised again.
2757	I do not support the proposed change	The users of this off leash area are very good at remaining in the area and it's a very important source of exercise for many dogs. It means the park is highly frequented by dog owners and other visitors whom both respect each others Space and use of the park
2767	Other (please explain below)	I consider that there is a problem at Monte Cecilia. Too many dogs in the bowl, for too long, getting hyped up. I believe that the whole idea of dog parks is faulty, people should be encouraged to WALK their dogs, not stand around for long periods letting them get worked up. However if the off leash part was moved to the loop nearest Mt Albert Road (up the hill from the current bowl area, as far from the car park as you can go, basically to the left of Marcellin College), it would be less intrusive to other walkers and picnickers. I currently find it very hard to avoid the off leash bowl people and have been driving miles to other parks. If the off leash area was moved as suggested I think it would be easier for me to use the park again.
2787	I do not support the proposed change	This one of the only places in this area where dogs can be exercised off lead. There are plenty of on-lead parks, particularly Cornwall park which has lots of areas for people to walk in lovely surrounds where dogs are on lead. Removing this off-lead area prevents people being able to exercise their dogs off lead. It is hugely important for dogs to be able to interact with each other off-lead and socialise naturally, and to have the ability to have good amounts of exercise (e.g. chasing thrown tennis balls). Removing this ability will just lead to more dogs with behavioural issues, and a greater problem. Not to mention removing the ability for people to recreate with the dogs in this way (and the mental and physical health benefits they receive). This would be an incredibly poor decision on the part of the council and all I can see is negative consequences. Those residents who wish to walk without off-lead dogs can do so in plenty of other nearby spaces.

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2803	I do not support the proposed change	I am aware of elderly members of the local community that rely on an off leash area to exercise their dogs. There are many other spaces in Auckland where people can walk, but there are very few places for off leash exercising of dogs. For the elderly members of the local community I am aware of, their dog ownership is critical to their mental health, providing a much needed means of companionship, joy, and a continued reason to get up and do things. However, these elderly members of the local community cannot necessarily exercise their dogs sufficiently while on a lead due to mobility issues, so having a space at Monte Cecilia Park gives them a place to do that is extremely valuable. I would also note that these elderly members of the local community have built a sense of community via a shared use of space to exercise their dogs, and that this provides a critical opportunity for interacting with other people with a shared interest and making friends that helps minimise risks of loneliness that many elderly people face.
2808	I do not support the proposed change	It is a fantastic and friendly place for the dogs to be off leash with NO problems
2827	I do not support the proposed change	There are becoming less and less off-leash dog spaces. Monte Cecilia is a small controlled off leash dog park with responsible dog owners!
2837	I do not support the proposed change	If people are concerned they can avoid the specific area. The rest of the park is not off-leash.
2840	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Celicia is a fantastic environment for everyone. It is never busy and there is plenty of room for everyone (with or without dogs). There is no need need to alter the existing conditions.
2871	I do not support the proposed change	This is a super strong respectful dog community here. The dogs off Lead get the opportunity to socialise importantly, in a safe and very happy environment for everyone.
2876	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great place to exercise dogs in the bowl. keep on leash outside of the bowl, off leash in the bowl.
3017	I do not support the proposed change	It is essential to the health and well being of a dog that they have opportunities to run freely off leash. I do not support removing this opportunity at one of my local parks
3023	I do not support the proposed change	There are not enough large off leash access areas available given the increase in the number of dogs in Auckland post covid. More areas should be designated to enable dogs to be exercised in a safe environment away from traffic hazards. Dogs do not get fulfillment from just walking on lead. Policies should penalize those who do not have their dogs under control or who disregard the current policy, not penalize responsible owners who provide socialization for their dogs.
3024	I do not support the proposed change	There is plenty of room elsewhere in Monte Cecilia Park where people can enjoy the grounds - this is a great off lead area and well used by dog owners.

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3125	I do not support the proposed change	I am a dog owner and regularly use the off-leash area at Monte Cecilia Park. It is a wonderful resource for local dog owners. It is extremely well-used, even though there are other off-leash parks in the local area. There is a welcoming community of owners who can socialise along with their dogs, which is very beneficial for dog-owners in the area. The area of the park that is designated off-leash is away from the walking paths and therefore does not impose unnecessarily on those users of the park who do not have dogs with them. Please keep the current policy in place or my dog and I will lose a very enjoyable and enriching part of our regular routine.
3175	I do not support the proposed change	However, I do not agree with the review and potential restrictions of dogs on beaches, reserves, parks and gardens. There are already limited areas in which we can walk dogs and there are even less areas where they can be off leash. Monte Cecilia Park has an off leash area, one of very few in Auckland. I feel that this should remain in place as dogs do need adequate exercise and there are plenty of parks in the area for people who don't like dogs off the leash i.e. Cornwall Park.
3229	I do not support the proposed change	Off-lead time is essential for dogs' physical and mental well-being. It allows them to exercise, explore, and socialize naturally, which leads to healthier and better-behaved pets. Constant lead use can result in frustration and anxiety, which may increase behavioral issues. Designated off-lead areas create vibrant social spaces where neighbors can connect, promoting a sense of community. Removing these opportunities may discourage residents from enjoying local parks and green spaces.
3248	I do not support the proposed change	I have been a longterm resident of Onehunga & Epsom and I walk both my dogs around this park almost daily and also congregate in the middle of the park where my dogs have learnt to be social and enjoy some freedom off the lead in this area. It will be a very sad day if this is taken away from them and us as responsible dog owners. For the few that are not responsible with their dogs, the rest of the community should not have to suffer with this being taken away.
3253	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia park is extremely popular with many dog and puppy owners as a safe place to socialise and exercise their pets. I have never seen any issues with the dogs, their owners or other park users. I go there twice a week. At the very least it is essential to allow off leash places in some part of the large park. There is room for both arrangements.
3259	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly object to changing the current rule. Most individuals without dogs do not frequent this area. The bowl is a well-known and much-loved dog socialisation area that is critical for city-dwelling dogs. Our dog behaves worse ON leash and is very disciplined off-leash. Owners who take their dogs to off-leash areas are usually caring and dedicated owners, and are quick to respond to any incidents.

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3287	I do not support the proposed change	This is a wide hilly park that is very suitable for dog exercise. It is a popular park, and not many picnic in it due to the terrain. There are very few parks in this locality suitable for dog exercise. Leave it as it is please
3347	I do not support the proposed change	This is ridiculous. More people have dogs since covid, so why would you try to reduce off leash options? You have the opposite policy approach to the one you should have
3362	I do not support the proposed change	I've been here for years and seen responsible dog owners and happy kids enjoying the park. Many dogs need off-leash exercise. Instead of a blanket ban, maybe focus on policies for irresponsible owners. Thanks.
3403	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the few off leash parks in our area, frequented by many locals with well behaved dogs. It is a place where dog owners often gather to share information and dogs can socialize. In the hot summer months when walking on concrete isn't viable, the grassy bowl is a lovely place to roam. I have been a regular visitor to this space for a number of years and have never witnessed any anti social dog behavior. When the rest of the world is increasingly making allowances for dogs in restaurants, on planes and public spaces, NZ wants to over regulate every aspect to appease a vocal few who have little else to do in their lives but complain. In my humble opinion we should be making more allowances for responsible dog owners and putting resources into preventing irresponsible dog owners who intentionally raise aggressive dogs and make them accountable. Perhaps more resource into public obedience courses for humans?
3445	I do not support the proposed change	The park is a safe location for off leash dogs within the bowl as it is not near roads. It is highly used and well regarded as an off leash area. The area isn't otherwise utilised as there are no other facilities in the bowl section of the park
3470	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly disagree with proposed change. I visit the park with my kids and dog several times a week. We love it. There is a strong sense of community centred around the dogs present and my kids especially enjoy interacting with other dogs and owners. I believe this would be seriously inhibited or lost if only on-leash walking were allowed. One Tree Hill is nearby for people who prefer dogs to be on leash. Monte Cecilia has an entirely different vibe and we love it as it is. We'd be incredibly sorry to see any more restrictions and lose the special and fun community atmosphere that currently exists.
3518	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia is one of the few central Auckland parks that has the space and capacity for all dogs from large to small to roam off leash. This is an especially crucial area for larger dogs as it enables them to get the exercise they need off-leash. The area is also great for socialising dogs in a natural way. Currently, the off-leash area does not pose a danger to any other park users. Most users walk along the top of the bowl area and the off-leash dogs remain well away from these users near the bottom of the bowl. The current off-leash area is not near any children's playgrounds or sports fields where off leash dogs may cause a problem therefore there seems to be no reason to make the area on-leash.

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3544	I do not support the proposed change	This is a much loved and vibrant area where dogs and owners frequent. Removing this would devastate the community. There is also a lack of off leash dog parks in this area. Also of note is that this area of the park is sloped and not of much other use.
3552	I do not support the proposed change	I trial my dog and she is highly trained and won many competitions. Part of the competition the dogs are tested on ranging. Monte cecilia park is the only park in the area I live in that is close and has grounds large enough to train this discipline. Thie next closest area with space to do this is totara park in manukau. Sometimes over a 30min drive away depending on traffic. We have never encountered anyone who is upset at us training in the park. We get more people interested in what we are doing and engaging about training dogs to the standard mine is. It is a shame that we find these days, local policy is being formed around restricting and not enabling. At the end of the day, sir Edmund hillary didn't make it to the top of Mt everest by listening to those who said it can't be done. His attitude was how can we do this. I think policy makers would be well placed to take a similar approach. Regards
3555	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the few areas which has developed a great dog owner community. I would like to see the current 'dog bowl' retained. Despite this I know of several dog attacks (including to my dog unprovoked by Rottweiller) and two in the area that is supposed to be on leash. I think signage is not clear enough around the park. There should be more signs, some placed on paths where it moves from areas near the current 'dog bowl' to the bowl in front of the homestead which is supposed to be on leash. Something like- from this point, dogs on leash and then again at the top path below the homestead steps before entering the next bowl which is currently off leash. I don't think there are a enough large signs and they are not clearly stating in large lettering with arrows, where the off leash dog bowl is. if there are bigger signs, those entering the park at all entrance points will be clearer and the wrong type of owners will be less inclined
3561	I do not support the proposed change	You've stated the goal is to enhance Auckland's wellbeing, yet banning off-leash dogs in places like Monte Cecilia contradicts this. Take a look on a map and see just how little options people with dogs have for off leash options. Research shows pet ownership improves health, and responsible owners know dogs need space to run. As committed and loving dog owners seen firsthand the joy and benefits of off-leash exercise—it's essential for their health, socialisation, and happiness. Please keep Monte Cecilia off-leash. If the issue is irresponsible owners, consider cameras at park entrances instead.

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3574	I do not support the proposed change	We are limited in choice of parks to exercise our dogs already, and this area is heavily used by the dog community. Most dog owners at this park are responsible and pickup after their dogs.
3597	I do not support the proposed change	I don't have a dog but enjoy going to Monte Celia park often and love seeing the dogs off leash having a great play. Being an off leash area brings so many more people to the park. If it turns to an on leash area only I believe the number of people using the park will decrease and impact the cafe there, as there will be less people at the park. I have never seen an issue with dogs in the park and I run through there, or walk there often.
3638	I do not support the proposed change	This is a much-used and valued space for dog owners, and is used respectfully for the most part. There are very few off-leash large areas for dog walkers, and if the number of dogs-per-person is reduced, as in the proposal, there will be fewer issues of dog control. This space has a real sense of community for dog owners in a central location, and is a highly-valued institution.
3648	I do not support the proposed change	This park is 'dog-heaven'. I go there regularly and have never seen any problem anywhere. There are few places in a city to let domestic dogs have fun and this park is one of them. There is plenty of space for everyone. Just leave the rules as they are and let people go there with their dogs to have freedom and fun.
3676	I do not support the proposed change	This is one park in the area where dogs are able to be off leash. We have been going here with our dog for a number of years and all dog owners that we have met are responsible. The rest of the area is on leash, so the bowl should stay an off leash area to allow dogs to run around and interact in a safe manner. We love meeting follow dog owners here, and our dog loves going here for playing catching a ball.
3683	I do not support the proposed change	Our dog loves to play in the bowl at Monte Cecilia and she loves to meet her friends who also enjoy their time there. Everyone we have met are lovely people who want to enrich their dog's lives. The rest of the area is on leash which people stick to so if people don't want to be near off leash dogs they should stick to the walking route on the outside of the park (away from the bowl). It's only a tiny portion of the whole park area which is designated off leash. Otherwise there are less and less spaces for people to take their dogs off leash and play with them like they should be. With more infilling of houses there should be more parks and off leash areas for dogs, rather than less!
3720	I do not support the proposed change	I live nearby and it is a lovely, quiet environment to take my dog. I have been going there for over three years and never had, or seen, an issue with the dogs there. That includes dog get togethers, for groups of the same breed, which sometimes take place. It is already a fair divide, of on and off leash areas, so there is no need to take it away completely.

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3721	I do not support the proposed change	I regularly walk my dog OFF-LEASH in this area and have never seen a problem. Dogs cooped up without socialisation are far more likely to become unfriendly. Auckland Council should be creating more dog off-leash areas. Only exercising a dog on leash at walking pace is CRUEL and does not provide the required exercise. I am a single older lady. My dog is a huge part of my life. Why can we not introduce more dog friendly areas. If people are afraid of dogs - they should STAY AWAY. Perhaps a better approach would be to ensure those breeds identified as more susceptible to being vicious are on leash at all times in all areas. Currently this is left to us local people to try and enforce, if we see a dog that looks unfriendly ie pitballs and staffies.
3726	I support the proposed change	The bowl is an area I avoid due to the risk. Often dog walkers that walk large groups of 10 dogs etc will let them off leash when other large group walkers are also there with their dogs off leash, so you can easily have 20-30 off lead dogs with only a few walkers.
3749	I do not support the proposed change	All dogs need nearby open spaces to run and to play safely. But this proposal takes away the existing off-leash space and provides no alternative. I think it should stay as-is. Our dog loves the existing bowl area and it is safe and away from others. We also enjoy the cafe and wouldn't go there without our dog.
3751	I support the proposed change	I support the amended policy for keeping dogs under control on a leash at all times. Myself and some Council staff have had near misses with large dogs running up to us unleashed in the park and carpark. There was another incident where a member of the public refused to put their large dog on a leash after a Council Parks staff member kindly asked them to. I would support a fenced-in off leash dog run area. Also, with the new policy, it would need constant policing as many of the locals dont follow the rules and are used to having the park to themselves. Most people ignore additional signage stating a policy change.
3759	I do not support the proposed change	In general I do not support reducing off leash exercise areas, but can acknowledge that sometimes it's necessary (Kauri die back, threat to wildlife, etc). This however seems like a slippery slope to reducing off leash exercise areas everywhere. The more we throttle a dogs ability to exercise, the more we end up with dogs with pent up energy who act out when they're finally allowed off leash. There is no more threat to the public here than there is at any other off leash park or beach. Limiting the laws about whether dogs can be off leash in certain places only punishes people who already follow the laws, and people with dangerous or threatening dogs who are already out in public with them will continue to do so. No one is out enforcing dogs be under control by the people walking them which seems like it should be the appropriate next step, instead of adding new laws which won't solve the problem.

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3776	I do not support the proposed change	For a couple of years now I have been taking my dog to Monte Cecilia Park. We both enjoy the freedom that the off-leash part provides. Over the time that we have been going I have made some great friends and so has my dog. All the people I have met there are a bunch of like-minded dog lovers and the dogs we have met there have all been well behaved off leash, It is a fantastic social gathering for me and many others. Spending a couple of hours per day surrounded by dogs and other people has helped in my dogs social and my social capabilities. You certainly cannot be in a mood once you leave after spending time with all these dogs. Many a time going to this park had improved my overall mental and physical health. Spend a couple of hours there and you will see what i mean.
3800	I do not support the proposed change	The area is a big green space which is fantastic to take your dog and throw the ball for them, since it's so large and not super busy. It would be very sad to lose this opportunity to have them off lead here, and no real advantage to having them only on lead.
3827	I do not support the proposed change	Its tricky to have the bowl in the middle off leash and the rest on leash e.g. if your on right side of tree you can be off leash, left side of same tree you need to be on leash. I do think a time restriction could help it be more palatable -w.g. WHOLE park off leash before 11am, to allow the rest of the day for people who want to walk the park knowing dogs will be on leash after 11am. These proposed changes appear a reaction to a very few poorly behaved owners/dogs - Perhaps better to legislate the removal and ban of poorly behaved parties than penalise all. It is a real shame when the very few poorly behaved ruin enjoyment, exercise, off leash fun for all.
3862	I do not support the proposed change	FFS - letting the dogs have an open space to play in, off-leash, and under control is what is expected. Enforce that rule
3895	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia is a lovely and unique area with a generally well behaved dog walking community. The two natural bowls form beautiful areas to safely exercise dogs off lead and it would be such a shame to lose this special place for off lead exercise. As a compromise perhaps one bowl could be kept off lead and the other one change to on-lead. There are already many areas where people can get away from the dogs if they want their space. Improving signs to remind people when to put their dogs back on-lead may also help increase compliance
3917	I do not support the proposed change	This is a highly used and very appreciated area where dog owners meet daily. Changes to this would have a hugely negative impact on the local dog community.

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3921	I do not support the proposed change	Ridiculous rule changes - clearly not thought through and the individuals who have come up with this are not dog owners or animal lovers. The ability to let them off leash so they can run and engage with other dogs provides a two fold benefit being the type of exercise they get is very good for them health wise and engaging with other dogs teaches them to socialize and ultimately be happier dogs. The rates I pay which keeps going up every year, is for to upgrade the facilities around us so my family including my dogs who are family get to enjoy this and by restricting what they can do, is going against this. This is such a ridiculous rule - clearly people who are not animal lovers have done this. This park has been a favorite among dog owners and great place for people to gather and allow their pups to play with each other. It feels like we are moving backwards and not towards the future like other countries. I pay my taxes so my family and my dogs who are part of my family to benefit the facilities around us and restricting this is going against this.
3959	I do not support the proposed change	Not necessarily a good change

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3960	I do not support the proposed change	I disagree with making Monte Cecilia Park an on-leash only space. There are very few places in my area (I live in [REDACTED]) where you can safely allow your dog to have a good run off leash. Monte Cecilia is one of the only places I can safely go (the Onehunga waterfront is too risky as there are a number of large, badly trained dogs who are not kept under sufficient control - incidentally, why wasn't this area up for keeping dogs on leash??). Monte Cecilia is large and there is plenty of room for walkers to avoid dogs if they wish. We dog owners are asking for only one area - the basin currently designated as off leash. There are also parks nearby where walkers can go where all dogs are on leash - Cornwall Park, for example. We dog owners who want to let our dogs off leash have very few options. Please don't take away another one!! In my experience, dogs at this park are well controlled and behaved. Also, well-exercised dogs make our whole community safer - if they have had sufficient exercise in the form of off-leash runs they are less likely to become bored and restless, which can lead to aggressive behaviour. I believe that the introduction of a maximum pack-size, which I support, will alleviate most community concerns. This is because Monte Cecilia Park has been home to a large dog-walking operation with dozens of off-leash dogs in the past. With the proposed pack-size limit, we believe the park can be safe and enjoyable for all users within the existing off-leash rules.
3962	I do not support the proposed change	There are no other off leash dog parks near to the area and this is a very popular dog walking park enjoyed by many people
3973	I do not support the proposed change	Thank you. Most people who use these are responsible dog owners and control their dogs. Where are we going to run our dogs. If you make off lead you need to offer an alternative that is near by. We personally use monte Cecilia park. Thanks

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3977	I do not support the proposed change	I live in Onehunga and walk my small breed dog daily. We walk in Cornwall Park, Onehunga Bay lagoon and Monte Celia park. We have done so for 5 years. I am a female in my 40s. I have never witnessed dogs out of control in Monte Celia park. In my daily observation the park it used almost exclusively by people exercising their dogs or walking around the park. It is a wonderful friendly place to enjoy meeting with other dog owners and walkers. It is enjoyed by everyone and I have never seen anyone in distress. I cannot believe that there is threat to members of the public as it is easy to avoid the off leash area. The park is a perfect location for off leash exercise. The park has no playground so from my experience (as a mother of young children) the off leash area (or the other parts of the park) is not used by families for play or play and having picnics. The cafe and art gallery is a popular location for families but is completely secured to dogs entering and the immediate area around it is on-leash. By comparison, Onehunga Bay lagoon has an off leash dog area in close proximity to a playground and over the bridge from a bird nesting area. I note that there are no proposed changes to this park. So in Monte Celia park my dog off leash is a risk to public but 1 km away with a playground, skate ramp and many small children my same dog poses no threat. I cannot make any sense of this other than to assume that some local boards are not using an evidence based approach to assess risk. I appreciate that seperate boards can take their own decisions about local parks but in the whole it makes it look like Auckland Council has no clear logical policy. As a member of the public it makes it transparent that some boards are
4019	I do not support the proposed change	Unfair to well behaved dog's. If its a certain breed..ok then make it specific. Dogs should be able to freely run around and this park is perfect for it. They need to learn to socialise off lead and learn good behaviours. If we make all parka on lead that isnt going to solve the problem.
4025	I do not support the proposed change	Currently area works , great park for dogs , away from roads Access should BE ALLOWED 'ON lead' & 'off lead' during day & for most areas for trained Dogs & Owners who are licenced & registered great area for Dog Meet up, play dates, run arounds in a safe environment, Please disclose data related to change proposed

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4045	I do not support the proposed change	We feel really strongly that this shouldn't be changed. We use this off leash park regularly (at least twice a week, if not more often) and it doesn't compare to other off leash parks around Auckland. We bought our dog knowing that despite having a small section at our house, there is Monte Cecilia with an off leash area 15 mins drive from our house. Monte Cecilia is more than a park too, it is a community. We have met people of all ages from lots of different backgrounds there since owning a dog, people we wouldn't have met and befriended otherwise. It is a social hub that combats loneliness and improves quality of life. As a recently pregnant person and now a very new mum, Monte Cecilia has been a life saver in being able to keep our dog happy and healthy while I have not been in a position to walk on a leash for as long as he would need. I have also been looking forward to using it regularly on maternity leave as a means of social connection. This happens solely because people come and collect in the bowl and let their dogs play together and talk to each other. People stay for a long time at the park and having dogs needing to be on leash will mean that people won't use it as much anymore. This will impact the quality of life and wellbeing of both the people and dogs that use this park. We live in Papatoetoe I won't walk him locally due to the number of roaming dogs, illegal dumping, littering and broken glass. Two neighbours have had their dogs attacked by roaming dogs and I don't want to take that risk. I feel that we pay registration and rates for our dog and as homeowners and expect that having these off leash areas available is part of our contribution to council especially when other council jobs – managing roaming dogs, litter and illegal dumping has not been managed to a point we can walk our dog locally. We have used this park regularly for a year now and the vast majority of dog owners are very responsible. There must be another solution to concerns without removing the off leash area.
4050	I do not support the proposed change	Currently, dogs allowed control off a leash in the naturally formed bowl on the north-eastern side of the park, which doesn't creates a significant risk to people. Furthermore, this is such nice tuck away park for the dogs in the central Auckland.
4051	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need a free run area. Seperate small children. Dogs under verbal control esp for some breeds
4056	I support the proposed change	This is my local park. I regularly walk there with my family. The current rule, which permits dogs off leash in the bowl, results in dogs being off leash in the entire park. The dogs run in and out of the bowl and the owners mostly do not leash out of the bowl. This makes the park feel unsafe for other users, especially those with young kids (off leash dogs often run at my toddler in the park, which is scary for her and me). I support this change which will make Monte Cecilia a safer recreation space for everyone.

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4058	I do not support the proposed change	Mount Cecelia park is an excellent park for dogs who can exercise away from walkers. I cycle and walk in the park and it is about 80% used by people with dogs. I have never been intimidated by dogs there. I think the cafe is very dog unfriendly which is fine and I wonder if that is the reason why this park has been suggested to be dog in lead only. Dogs need to be able to exercise and in a lead that is not possible.
4096	I support the proposed change	Entirely agree! Dog owners do not keep their dogs to this off leash area. I encounter dogs off leash in all areas of the park. You also see thier poo everywhere including right up around the Homestead.
4141	I do not support the proposed change	I don't see what the problem is here apart from a lot of elderly people who unreasonably don't like big dogs (and I'm elderly). The dogs that are walked by their owners here are well behaved happy dogs and lucky to be there. The group that meet in the bowl are decent dog owners and it's an important part of their day and their dogs' day - being part of a community and socializing. How wonderful!
4142	I do not support the proposed change	There are few off leash options in this area and people need somewhere to exercise their dogs in a safe space. Instead, place more signage at the top of the bowl stating the rules so people know - it's currently very poorly signed.
4152	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need some free space. It currently works well.
4155	I do not support the proposed change	The current policy leave large, separate areas for off-leash and on-leash and works well. I wonder if there may currently be an occasional issue of dogs being off-leash in the on-leash. If this is the case enforce the current policy rather than create a blanket resolution.
4182	I support the proposed change	I have witnessed and been concerned about large groups of usually small dogs being somewhat out of control at this park. Other dogs off-leash in the park sometimes get in amongst them and there's chasing and barking with a potential risk to dogs, dogwalking workers, dog owners and complete strangers, children. I have also witnessed aggression between dog owners and dog walker workers. It certainly makes it an unwelcoming place for those of us who do not have a dog and are not comfortable around so many dogs. That lack of comfort is not the chief reason for my comment.
4195	I do not support the proposed change	It is a shame that doggies need to be on a leash in a such beautiful and huge park. Plus no pedestrians normally walk in the natural formed bowl area, thus there are no reasons to keep dogs on leash at all times around the whole park.

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4232	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to change currently off-leash parks, such as Monte Cecilia, to on-leash areas. This decision would have a significant negative impact on both dogs and their owners and contradicts the Council's purpose of improving the wellbeing of Auckland's residents. There is extensive medical research showing that pet ownership enhances mental and physical health, and responsible dog owners understand how essential it is for dogs to have opportunities to run freely. Off-leash exercise is not just a luxury—it's a necessity for a dog's physical and social development. Dogs that can run, play, and interact with other dogs in a safe, open space are healthier, better-behaved, and less likely to develop behavioral issues. As a first-time pet owner, I have experienced firsthand the joy and enrichment that our dog brings to our family. The difference between an on-leash walk and an off-leash experience is profound. Off-leash areas provide not just exercise but also social engagement for both dogs and their owners, fostering a stronger sense of community. Rather than restricting responsible dog owners, I urge the Council to explore alternative solutions for addressing any concerns. For example, installing cameras at park entrances and parking lots could help identify irresponsible owners without penalizing the vast majority who follow the rules. Please reconsider this proposal and keep spaces like Monte Cecilia available for off-leash recreation. These areas are invaluable to our pets, our families, and our communities.

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4236	I do not support the proposed change	To whom it may concern, In my years of visiting Monte Cecilia Park, I have NEVER seen a scenario that put anyone at 'Significant Risk'. Monte Cecilia Park is a beloved off-leash area for the dogs and owners in the community. It has become a cherished gathering place for people of all ages and backgrounds. I have only ever met lovely, responsible dog owners here. I visit this park daily (sometimes multiple times a day); I have made life-long friends and found a community of people with similar values. I would not continue to visit if it wasn't entirely safe for my family, whom I bring with me often (which includes my mother, grandmother, niece and, of course, my dog). We are fortunate to be surrounded by so many beautiful, family-friendly and accessible parks in Auckland. However, most of these are 'controlled on-leash' only or unsafe for our dogs (i.e. close to roads). Exercising and socialising dogs off-leash is extremely important for their well-being and significantly reduces the risks of behavioural problems and reactivity. Monte Cecilia provides a safe environment for dogs to socialise, exercise, and 'just be dogs' in an increasingly urban area. People travel from around Auckland to Visit Monte Cecilia because it is one of the only safe places left in the area to let our dogs off-leash. The vast majority of people who come here have dogs, and the few I've met who just come to walk the loop often stop and greet the dogs anyway. More and more people are getting dogs for a multitude of reasons. I got my first dog to help with PTSD, and she changed my life; I often think she likely saved it, too. I understand not everyone likes dogs; that's their prerogative. However, those
4247	I support the proposed change	Having a vaguely designated off leash area without any fencing just encourages all dog owners to walk throughout the park with their dogs off leash. There has become such a high demand on this park by dog walkers that it is infringing on the enjoyment of other users - runners and people picnicking and playing with children. Dog owners rarely understand how intimidating a dog off leash is to a small toddler, we have no idea if the dog is safe to be around and they run straight up to my daughter. I think it's a great place to walk a dog, but ensuring they are all on leash means we can all enjoy the park safely. I hope there are some fenced local parks nearby that can be designated as off leash for dog exercise, but Monte Cecilia is too special, peaceful and beautiful to just be overrun by dogs at the exclusion of everyone else, especially families.
4258	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia is one of the most glorious places for dogs in the city - and mostly underused and empty! Rather than punish all dog walkers who are making the most of this incredible empty space, I would recommend prohibiting dogs during weekends and summer school holidays only (eg end of January). This will be such an amazing space go to waste if dogs aren't allowed during the day when no-one else is there.

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4281	I do not support the proposed change	We need more good off leash parks. Please just increase enforcement on owners who have off leash dogs that are not under control.
4321	I do not support the proposed change	I us this park several time a week to walk dogs. There is a strong community of dog walkers that use the park. The off leash areas should be expanded.
4328	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia park is where we met lovely dogs and their owners during the weekends. It is where my dog feels relaxed and comfortable playing with other dogs because it has become a safe place for her to play offleash. We do not support the proposal
4369	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few local parks that have off leash areas “at all times” that are well maintained, family and disability friendly in Auckland central. Changing to on leash only limits dog owners who work and have limited transport access. The proposed changes punishes the majority of responsible auckland dog owners who are just trying to provide the best for thier dog
4393	I do not support the proposed change	Assuming that the current rules are observed, Monte Cecilia Park is a fit-for-purpose off-leash dog park. Although the community concerns are valid, and that members of the public should be able to use the space, but the proposal to make the park on-leash only is a step too far. I believe that the introduction of a maximum pack-size, will alleviate most community concerns. With the proposed pack-size limit, I believe the park can be safe and enjoyable for all users within the existing off-leash rules. If you would like to make a submission, you can do this at: www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/haveyoursay You can support Pooped by using our bullet points above as part of your submission or making any other points you think are relevant. If you have different views, that is okay as well! The feedback period closes on 23 February 2025. Finally, we would like to assure you that whatever the final changes are, Pooped is ready and able to adapt to them, and will be here to continue providing you and your pups with a fantastic service. Thanks very much for taking the time to read this email, and for your ongoing support as always! ██████████ ██████████ ████████████████████ ██

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4409	I do not support the proposed change	The nearest off leash space is onehunga bay over 7km away. Dogs love to be off leash and have the freedom to meet new dogs and old friends. Limiting their social play is not fair on the dogs or their owners. There are many anxious dogs all ready and this will increase as they can't have fun with their friends at an off leash area. Maybe put a boundary fence by one of the walkways but off leash is required.. Actually more.off leash is required.
4462	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great park for walking dogs off lead
4489	I do not support the proposed change	I want less restrictions not more
4492	I do not support the proposed change	I exercise my two Labradors there often and have never seen an incident. Dog owners there know the rules and generally adhere to them. It is one of the few areas around where dogs can be off leash and that's so important for socialising of dogs.
4512	I do not support the proposed change	The point of having a large accessible outdoor space for dog owners, is having the opportunity for that dog to be exercised. In no way does walking on leash with a dog in these areas, met the exercise needs of the dog. The bowl area at Monte Cecilia is a terrific meeting place for dogs who can expend energy off lead, without restrictions, happily.
4516	I do not support the proposed change	I believe dogs should be allowed off-leash on the bowl if under control but shouldn't allow professional dog walkers off leash with more than 3 dogs.
4524	I do not support the proposed change	Because dogs need to be able to run after balls and be social off leash - there are getting less and less places for dogs to do this in a park environment. The next nearest place for off leash is Big King Reserve - but I fully suspect this is also on the hit list to have no dogs under the Maunga Authority?
4533	I do not support the proposed change	This park is one of the few (if not the only) off leash parks in the area and provides a much needed space for dogs to play and socialise. I have visited this park regularly for years and never seen any problems with dogs off leash. I would hate to see this space ruined due to the actions of a few bad owners.
4550	I do not support the proposed change	Monte has no playground not many formed footpath and the majority of people using it are dog walkers. People that use this park are responsible dog owners who care for their dogs and pay their licence fees. I think any proposed change should be to increase the off leash area not remove it.
4595	I do not support the proposed change	I am a regular user of the bowl at Monte Cecelia park as an off-leash area. I have never seen any incidents where a threat is posed to people, wildlife, the plant ecosystem in this park. What I do see is happy dogs and responsible dog owners. It is the one place where dogs can be freely exercised bringing joy to the community of people who gather to watch them and speak about their dogs. For the sake of the dog's welfare and their owners - this is a critical area of off-leash training. It is important each dog's socialisation and health to be able to run, unrestricted in the bowl.

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4609	I do not support the proposed change	The overwhelming majority of dogs and dog uses enjoy this special place without any problems. The bowl is a valuable asset in the densely populated CBD Suburbs.. It is Often a unique social time for dog owners as well as the animals. The use of the space for off leash could be made clearer with some simple signage clearly defining the area.
4614	I do not support the proposed change	As before
4622	I do not support the proposed change	We want people and dogs to enjoy the park and the bowl provides a safe naturally defined off-leash area for dogs to socialise and play. There is plenty of room for people to picnic or play in other areas of the park and improved signage could reduce misunderstandings.
4627	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few areas where dogs are allowed not on leash. I walk at Monte Cecilia a lot - all dog owners are very responsible. To be honest, there are very few people who walk there without a dog. I believe that you are probably getting pressure from the retirement village next door - but there are very very few people from there that use the park. There are so many restrictions for dog owners and believe that this park provides an excellent facility for them. We pay our rates, we pay for the dog licences, we do need something in return.
4633	I do not support the proposed change	This is the only off leash park we visit because it doesn't seem to be used by dog walkers, at least when we are there. The open space is ideal for ball games and being able to watch my dog and see other dogs approaching-unlike other local spots like big king or maingawhau off lead areas where a dog can very quickly be out of view. There are also very few off lead spaces in puketapapa/albert eden so closing this will increase numbers of dogs at the others...
4637	I do not support the proposed change	there really is not many places in this area for dogs to be off leash, it should stay as it is off lead areas allow dogs to gain extra exercise in a small space, helps with social skills and allows older owners with restricted mobility to exercise their dog without being pulled etc Leave it as is, if people don't like off lead areas there are plenty of other spaces to walk

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4698	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland is slowly growing into a more dog-friendly city, similar to the larger cities around the world such as London. More and more dog-friendly restaurants and cafes are opening in Auckland. We should be encouraging and embracing more dog friendly areas, rather than taking a step backwards and restricting off-leash dog walking. I am supportive if you were to implement fines for owners who do not pick up after their dog or if an aggressive dog is not controlled properly, but punishing innocent dogs who just like to wander and sniff around without causing any trouble is not fair whatsoever.
4708	I do not support the proposed change	I have been frequenting Monte Cecelia for years and it has always been an amazing park to visit and to socialize with other members of the dog community. The off leash bowl is a safe distance from roads/carparks and is large enough where dogs and owners who prefer to not interact with other dogs can do so while also getting a good runaround in - a rarity in central Auckland. About 60% of the park is already onleash with plenty of large open grassy areas for non-dog people to use, not to mention it's 1700m away from One Tree Hill, 540 acres of public and 100% fully on-leash green space. With all the tightening of dog walking rules in the Puketapapa Local Board, I can see only two reserves where off-leash dog access will now be allowed where it previously wasn't. Smallfeild Reserve, a mere 0.22km long and with 1/3rd of it's perimeter bordering a road and John Moore Reserve, squeezed between a playground and 3 schools. I fail to see how either of these options will meet the needs of all the dogs and their owners who will be displaced by these rule changes.
4721	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need some of leash park and this is one of the great places families with dogs can enjoy
4727	I do not support the proposed change	Please keep places that are favored towards dogs and their owners! So important for us to have open green places that allow free play and healthy socializing off leash. This encourages good socializing skills from puppy to adult. This is an important neccesity to foster a supportive and safe community.
4739	I do not support the proposed change	I walk my small dog responsibly 3 times per week here. There are many other dogs and owners and I have never encountered a 'significant risk to people'. Dogs are only allowed in the bowl area currently. This leaves alot of park area where people can still walk safely - where dogs are currently on a leash. It currently is safe. Perhaps a way around it is to ban humans without dogs from the bowl area
4764	I do not support the proposed change	there are few options for safe off leash dog exercise areas

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4794	Other (please explain below)	It's not fair to say "Protect the users of the park" as Monte Cecilia Park is a large park with big enough space and many areas for the public to enjoy while there's only one designated area for off lead dogs that can be easily be avoided by the public. The only place off lead we can go to now in our neighbourhood is Monte Cecilia Park. Years ago, we used to go to the Onehunga Lagoon. We don't feel safe there any more, it's a long walk, up and down a hilly road, and overcrowded. For many people, especially elderly people, it is essential to have an off-leash exercise space where pets can get free play, run and socialise. As we age, we slow down, have limited mobility and cannot play or run at the same pace as our dogs. Monte Cecilia's bowl is a much loved and needed space for dog's owners. People feel safe in this park walking their dogs off lead during the day and after work. For the well-being of the population Local Boards should provide safe open spaces - ideally fenced - for local people and their pets off lead. For us elderly people, it is essential to have an off-leash exercise space where pets can get free play, Please don't ignore it's important that pets have a place where they can run free off-leash.
4804	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly support Monte Cecilia remaining off-leash in the bowl area. This is a good, contained area for dogs to be off leash, and is safe, especially for small dogs. As the bowl sides are steep, there are not usually people using these for picnics, etc. I believe we should be creating more dog-friendly areas, not removing them. I strongly DO NOT support this proposed change.
4821	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control there is no problem.
4826	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecelia has a great off lead dog park area. We need more off lead areas not less. I go there 1 to 2 times a week, the majority of people who I see walking in this park are dog owners, so it makes no sense that you would take the off-lead area away. The general public can walk along the paths without interaction or interference with the off lead area. Most dog owners who use this area use it as a place to socialize not only their dogs but also themselves. The majority of dogs are friendly, and the owners are always with them. I have never had any issue with aggressive dogs. Perhaps put more signage up around the park clearly showing the designated area as people do walk their dogs off lead in the on lead area. But the off lead lead area should not be taken away because of this. Perhaps if you are worried about the non dog walkers then fence off the off lead section as we don't want to lose this fantastic park.
4833	I support the proposed change	It's important for dog owners to have spaces for the pet to run around and be exercised. I heard that Big King might have their off leash condition removed, I hope that was misinformation, as this a is a very well utilised and loved off lead area for dog owners.

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4838	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia Park is one of the few places in the area that has an area designated for off-leash 24/7. The area is large enough to exercise your dog properly, and I have never seen any issues between dogs and people walking around the park. There are very limited options in central Auckland for off-leash exercising during the daytime, and it would be shame to limit this even more. We appreciate that this is a shared space and both dogs and the general public should be able to feel safe at the park. I believe off-leash areas are important for dogs to connect and remain well socialised, and with the growing number of dog owners in the community it would be a shame to lose another space where dogs can interact freely. The dog walking community are very conscientious about making sure their dogs are well behaved and not a threat to public safety. If you wanted to reassure the community, consider fencing off the designated area. This park is used every day and with very little incidents, and I think that shows that the off-leash area is a positive contribution to the community. I also feel the same way about Big King, which was originally on the changes but I can't find the submission for this. So if there is one for Big King please add my submission to that park as well.
4849	I do not support the proposed change	This is a very popular local dog off leash area. It is where you can socialise your dog - this is an ongoing exercise not just when they are a puppy. Whilst some dog owners do not heed the rules of only off leash on the bowl it seems unfair to punish all dog owners for the few that break the rules. This seems like an enforcement issue. It seems the very few vocal are spoiling the wellbeing of the many (dogs and people)
4855	I do not support the proposed change	With the increase in high density housing dogs need space to run around. Limiting this seems counter to the infrastructure needs of the city. With more people being single and not having children dog ownership is on the rise. We need to ensure dogs have places to be free.
4872	I do not support the proposed change	There are not many places in auckland where you can safely have your dog off leash and this park is one where lots of dog owners love to come to, where they know their dogs can run and play with others where they won't get attacked by dangerous dogs. I drive from the other side of Auckland specifically to let my dog run here. There are plenty of nice parks like cornwall park where others can go to be without offleash dogs. A separate law should be made like many overseas countries have, where dangerous type dogs such as pitpull, mastiff etc must wear muzzles in public. That should be more of a law change focus than this, as there are many places where it's not safe to walk my dog even on a leash.
4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety

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4886	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the best dog parks in Auckland. We have never had any troubles there. All dogs and owners are always respectable of each other. The dog part is far away from the homestead cafe so if you are not a fan of dogs, you do not have to partake in the dog action. Easy as.
4907	I do not support the proposed change	I have been accessing the bowl area at Monte Cecilia Park for nine years. It is gorgeous and safe area for all. I have only seen two incidents in nine years where a German Shepherd was angry at another dog - well within the bowl area. The current ruling for off leash in the bowl area is enjoyed and respected by hundreds of dogs and owners. I have never witnessed anyone walking the pathways or other grassed areas upset or concerned with the dogs and owners in the bowl area. The current rule works and is enjoyed by so many Aucklanders. Please leave the current rules as they stand.
4918	I support the proposed change	I can no longer take my dog to this park. Owners do not follow the rules and dogs are being walked throughout the park off leash. If you want to walk the circuit of the park, you still have to walk past the off-leash area. I have had multiple off leash dogs rush/attack my dog who is coward and intimidated by dogs rushing at him while he is being walked on the path on leash. These dogs are clearly out of control and not obeying their owners and it means I have had to defend my dog to keep them away from mine as they ignore their owners calls. The park also backs onto a school, sports fields and old persons retirement home. Roaming dogs off leash are a safety hazard.
4923	I do not support the proposed change	There are insufficient off-leash dog areas in Auckland and access is being further restricted by things like the removal of on-street parking on Meola Rd. Please don't take away the central areas which have good access to recreational facilities and cafes.
4944	I do not support the proposed change	Please make the whole monte cecilia park to be off leash
4947	I do not support the proposed change	Leave this park alone!
4949	I do not support the proposed change	I have been attending this park for years both as a dog owner and a runner. The park is huge and there is plenty of areas for people to enjoy the park without being disturbed by offleash dogs. The current bowl area is clearly defined and easily avoidable for people who don't want to encounter off leash dogs. And it is a fair compromise for people who want to let their dogs enjoy off leash play with other dogs and dog owners. Having the park, as it currently does, catering for all Aucklanders is what makes it great! I have never seen a bad experience there with an offleash dog so why change it?

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4952	I do not support the proposed change	Simply - there is no need for a rule change. I have exercised my dog here probably every 2 weeks for the last 3 years. She is a small and relatively timid dog, and yet I have never at any point felt she or I were unsafe, or even uncomfortable due to the presence of off leash dogs. If you are in the park without a dog, or with a dog that is uncomfortable in the presence of off leash dogs, then you simply walk around the edge of the park - a lovely walk on its own; you do not have to go into the bowl area where dogs happily run around freely. It is so important for dogs to enjoy themselves in this sort of environment - they learn from the other dogs they meet in a way that can never happen if they are always on leash. As well as a great area for dogs to socialise, the off leash area also creates an area for the owners to socialise, we rarely visit the park without having a conversation or two with other dog owners, it creates a wonderful community feel to the place. Recently my husband was sick and our world temporarily became much smaller - it sometimes felt like a small piece of sanity for me to be able to visit the park and chat to strangers, the positive affect on my own mental health was a real thing. The people we have met there are as diverse as the dogs themselves, we should be celebrating our public places that encourage this type of interaction, not putting in rules that would restrict these important contacts.
4960	I do not support the proposed change	The families and dog owners that gather here everyday has created a wonderful community. Allowing the dogs to run free while neighbours talk and get to know each other is magical. Our dog and family would be devastated if this was taken away. The freedom of the park is what makes it so special and why it has created such a strong community feel.
4964	I do not support the proposed change	My dog has been going to this park for 4 years - and its the best experience ver. People and dogs are so friendly - great feeling of community in a safe space
5022	I do not support the proposed change	I don't believe there is a serious risk to people while there are dogs off leash. Particularly when they are off leash within the bowl area.
5023	I do not support the proposed change	People know that Monte Cecilia has an off-leash part so most people stick to that area. It's not an area being frequented by people without a dog, so I don't see the problem. I think changing an area like this should be done based on the amount of incidents and complaints the Council has had.
5033	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia is an important space in central auckland where you can safely walk dogs off leash. The rules shouldn't change because of a few that can't control their dogs, they should receive fines.

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5049	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecelia is our local park which we can walk to with our dog. The off-leash area was a significant part of our decision to get a dog 2.5 years ago. It is unfair to remove this as an off-leash area when so many dog owners love it. We have never seen any incidents involving dogs behaving dangerously towards people in the entire park, let alone in the off-leash area in the bowl. There is of course the occasional slight disagreement between dogs, but these have been rare and always brought under control very quickly by owners, and we have never seen any incident involving people. We have loved the community of dog owners in the bowl. Every day there are significant numbers of dog owners gathering with their dogs. It is a significant source of social interaction for lots of people, many of whom live alone and really appreciate the company and friendships they have developed. We are personally on first name terms with multiple people we have met at the park and enjoyed getting to know (along with their dogs). It is also really nice to be able to take our dog for a decent walk around the whole park which is beautiful, and then to give her a run around off-leash in the bowl. This meets the needs of us and our dog. The bowl is also absolutely loved by the dogs. It is a safe place, well away from roads, where dogs can run freely, chase balls, sticks, or each other (our small dog loves getting the zoomies and being chased by other dogs!). We have NEVER felt threatened or intimidated by any dog in Monte Cecelia, no matter what the size. It is also very important for dogs to have safe off-leash areas for their own socialisation. Without this, there will be more poorly socialised dogs which are in fact MORE likely to be aggressive. Please ensure you understand the science around dog socialisation before changing any rules that impact on this. The alternative options for off leash dog parks are not nearly as nice. Big King (which we would need to drive to, adding cars to the roads) is more spread out and there is no obvious place for dogs and owners to congregate. We have also on
5068	I do not support the proposed change	This is an absolutely ridiculous change and one that is unnecessary and disrespectful to all of those who enjoy the park with their dogs. This is a very large park, with plenty of off leash areas already. It is known widely as a dog park, and there is no other use of that off leash area. It is a basin. It cannot be used for sports. People without dogs rarely deviate from the track, and if they wanted to avoid dogs off leash, the majority of the park is on leash! The one off leash area is making use of a beautiful patch of unused park and attracting dog owners to the area. It is popular for meet ups and dog walking groups, and there are never issues with a lack of space or ruining the quiet enjoyment of the park for others. If you are that worried about off leash dogs, why not fence the off leash area instead of getting rid of it?
5081	I do not support the proposed change	This parks should be an off leash park at all times. Our suburbs all need large grass areas that are safe for off leash walking. Many owners of smaller or elderly dogs, or the owner themselves have disabilities, use parks like Monte Cecilia to give their animals the safety and freedom of off leash walking and this park is ideal.

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5087	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia park has an awesome community of dog walkers who on the whole are very responsible and gain a lot out of meeting with each other and walking dogs together. You will find that if you make Monte Cecilia park an on-lead only area, a huge proportion of the dog walking community will stop going there. It may reduce the number of dog related complaints, but the overall population visiting the park will reduce dramatically.
5100	I do not support the proposed change	I know of my friend and a lot of people who take their dogs to Monte Cecilia for the off leash walk which the dogs thoroughly enjoy. Please don't take this away from them.
5103	I do not support the proposed change	There is no reason for the change, it is an attack on dog owners
5110	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia Park bowl is hugely popular with dog owners and with their dogs. Other than Te Tātua/Big King, there are few (?no) other off leash areas in the vicinity that are big enough for dogs to really extend their running. It also serves an important function for dog owners and their families - there is a very positive social connection between owners who have got to know each other well, and who meet up informally on a regular basis - it provides an opportunity for friendships and social connections. We are aware however that not all dog owners have been responsible in keeping their dogs on leash outside of the bowl area and that walkers (especially elderly people from the nearby retirement village) may have, rightly, objected. We urge you to maintain the off leash bowl area, but would also support greater enforcement of the 'on leash' pathways, including clearer signage at all entrances.
5146	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few dog parks in this area - only one other within about a 5km radius. Monte Cecilia is convenient to the many elderly people in the vicinity (including the abutting retirement village) who aren't able to pick up their dog and drive him/her across town. There are other parks where dogs are not permitted, and must be on-leash; these other parks provide good options for walkers. Monte Cecilia should retain its long-established character as a community hub for both pedestrians and their dogs.
5169	I support the proposed change	Members of the public have a right to enjoy this area without dogs rushing them or making people afraid to go there
5308	I do not support the proposed change	It should be allowed in both bowls- Dont understand the logic. The area is extremely busy with dog owners using the park- where are they supposed to go? healthy dogs need plenty of exercise to stay that way surely someone in the council understands its only off-lead that they get plenty of exercise.
5320	I do not support the proposed change	I use this park regularly.. there are two bowls and one is kn leash and the other off leash. Ros one of the few beautiful open spaces for dog owners, and has a completely separate area foe people without dogs. It's beyond me that you would consider changing this, I don't believe it poses any risk

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5360	I do not support the proposed change	Please please please please keep the Monte Cecilia off-leash area. With growing population density we actually need more dog park areas, not less. Nearby is Onehunga Lagoon (which can be dirty/muddy/smelly when the tide is out and often very windy, and Big King. Both of those parks are oppressive on hot days. As a woman I feel unsafe walking my small dog at Onehunga Lagoon and Big King afterhours - Monte Cecilia has a safer vibe without people drinking in the park etc afterhours. Monte Cecilia has trees which enable shelter from both the heat and the rain. There is a really good community of dog walkers who meet regularly at Monte Cecilia. I can't emphasise enough how valuable the dog walking community is. All of my social connections outside of work have come from the dog park - just last week we had a going away BBQ for one of the regulars who is moving south. These other dog walkers have become great friends. As a new dog owner they gave me valuable advice on exercising, behavioural tips, food, good vets etc. We look after each others dogs when we go away. The off leash park is an opportunity for the dog to blow off some energy, (dogs run together far faster than humans can) which means she is tired back at home and doesn't bark or do other nuisance behaviours. The dogs actually teach each other good social skills, gently correcting dogs who break the rules - this is invaluable for preventing dog fights and bites in the future. When I got my dog she was scared of men - she learnt from the off-leash dog park that men can be kind and nice too and has no problem with men now. This has been a really important step for reintegrating a previously traumatised dog back into society. We LOVE Monte Cecilia - it's local, it has a community, it's got beautiful facilities which we take care of. Please please please keep the off-leash area at MC.
5382	I do not support the proposed change	this is a safe space to bring your dog to interact with other dogs, if you keep dogs on leash and/or take away the many many places you are suggesting dogs will become unsocial and and become a bigger risk to other dogs and public in a years time
5386	I do not support the proposed change	This park is well suited for free running dogs and is a centrally well located venue which is well used by dog owners. I firmly oppose the proposed changes.
5413	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great off-leash dog area please do not make this on-leash
5416	I do not support the proposed change	The bowl is only used for dogs and is a great place for them to run around. Please keep it as off leash.
5419	I do not support the proposed change	This doesn't pose a significant risk to people. This is a beautiful park where people and dogs can be together harmoniously.

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5425	I do not support the proposed change	Since covid, the amount of people with pets has increased significantly. Having no where close by to exercise them off leash is going to create MASSIVE problems, This one is very very sad to see, Monte Cecelia is very much a dog park for well behaved dogs to socialise and get great exercise with their humans. The happiness of the people and dogs here is second to none. There is so much joy. I have been coming here for years and years with dog friends. People who don't have dogs come just to see the dogs running around and enjoying all the smells and hanging out with each other. Please please do not make this park on leash, it will not be the same. Don't take away this happiness and joy from us.
5465	I do not support the proposed change	What evidence is there of a 'significant risk to other park users' that they need protection? This area is actually used by very few non-dog-walkers
5476	I do not support the proposed change	There is a small community of dogs and their owners who meet most evenings. Every time I have visited, the dogs are under control and cause no issues for anyone else using that area of the park. Why change something which isn't broken? Seems strange and in contravention of The Policy on Dogs 2019, notably: “keep dogs as a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by: maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places”. I haven't been to many of the other parks mentioned but I should imagine it's a similar thing with them - that good dog owners, with their dogs under control, are potentially about to be penalised unnecessarily. Do the right thing and let the dogs be off-leash in this small patch of grass. That way they can get to be free to play with their friends while the humans connect with their friends too.
5486	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs can be off lead! Stop ruining every park in Auckland
5493	I do not support the proposed change	This is a popular dog walking area, we have visited many times with our dog off leash and have never had any problems. Dogs need the ability to have somewhere to run and stretch their legs, these overly restrictive rules are not helpful. The current rules should not be changed.
5500	I do not support the proposed change	It's a fantastic off leash park enjoyed by many of the community with dogs. I have only encountered well behaved dogs under control. I don't see the need to restrict access given there are no children's play areas.
5502	I do not support the proposed change	This is an excellent offlead space for dogs, wide and open. It's enjoyed by many people who come from all areas to use the park. This would only leave Big King as the nearest area with offlead and I feel this park is already at capacity, so would become too busy with changes to Monte Cecilia.

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5520	I do not support the proposed change	I didn't realise you have this section. I was just saying in the previous question to make Monte Cecilia an officially dog park. But here you want to make it on leash at all times? What? Why? The bowl area is perfect for dogs. The concern is risk to people? What are the risk to people? What are people going to do on a sloping land? roll around down the hill? have a picnic and eat their food on an angle? People that go there walk the loop. I don't think I've seen people do a roly poly down the bowl. The only people go to the bowl are people with dogs! If the concern is dog out of control, that's not everyone. There are good responsible dog owner. Why are you punishing the dogs and the good owner as well?
5522	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under control have great owners, owners that have trust with their dog will only take them off leash. Stop taking places away from us, we already have a lack of options
5587	I support the proposed change	I am a frequent and local user of this wonderful park. Since the Covid restrictions a few years back, the number of dogs using the park have hugely increased. Very few of the dog owners respect the current rule that dogs can only be off leash in the bowl, and most of the dogs run free throughout the park at all times. I am very reluctant to take my grandchildren to the park because experience has repeatedly shown that we may be approached and even harassed by the dogs in the park. Many owners believe that they have control of their dogs when they are off leash, but I have seen many instances of dogs not responding to voice commands from their owners. When I have pointed out the current policy rules to dog owners in the park and ask that they put their dogs on leash outside of the bowl, I have been totally ignored and often verbally abused by the owner/s. The key issue is that when dogs are not on leash, there is no guarantee that the owner has control of their dog, This is an unreasonable risk to both my grandchildren and myself. This is in stark contrast to the better experience at Cornwall Park, where all dogs have to be on lead all the time. Under the amended rules, dog owners may continue to use the park with their animals on lead, and there is a dedicated off lead area for them close by that they may use.
5594	I do not support the proposed change	This is a beautiful park enjoyed by many dog owners. Owners with small dogs are not a threat to anyone - perhaps consider walking times with dogs off leash from say 6am - 10am only and then an evening time also (like some beaches have) - that way, people who dont mind dogs off leash can choose to walk then also or walk outside of these hours. Dogs are wonderful when they socialise off leash in our parks.

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5642	I don't know	I would like to understand better what significant risks users face in Monte Cecilia Park before I can support its reclassification. I believe more detailed justifications should be provided before making such a change. Socialization is a vital aspect of responsible dog ownership, and off-leash areas are essential for this purpose. My concern is that this could lead to a gradual reduction in access to public spaces, which I find troubling
5661	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.
5668	I do not support the proposed change	This is a wonderful spot to exercise dogs off leash. I have walked my dog here many times with no issue with other dogs or the public who can easily walk around the outside of the bowl/ off leash area.
5679	I do not support the proposed change	The naturally formed bowl is barely walked in by anyone aside from those with dogs due to the nature of the slope there. This rule does not need to be changed as it allows a good run around off lead area for dogs.
5693	I do not support the proposed change	The middle of the field, in particular, is an underused area that would be ideal for dogs to play, socialize, and exercise. It's a space that benefits both dogs and their owners, and no one currently uses it for other activities. Maintaining this area as an off-leash zone would enhance the park's utility without disrupting other users.
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5699	I do not support the proposed change	I oppose Auckland Council's proposed changes to the off-leash dog rules at Monte Cecilia Park. These changes are an overreaction and lack justification based on actual community concerns. Monte Cecilia Park currently has a designated off-leash area that is well-used and appreciated by responsible dog owners and contributes positively to the community's engagement with nature and recreation. There is no clear evidence that this has caused significant issues for other park users. In fact, research conducted by social scientist Marie McEntee, which surveyed [insert number] non-dog owners, found that they did not have concerns about off-leash dogs in the park. The council's justification for these changes appears to be based on vague reports of dogs wandering off-leash in areas where they should not be. Instead of removing the designated off-leash area, a more logical approach would be to enforce existing rules more effectively. Penalizing responsible dog owners for the actions of a few is both unfair and unnecessary. I urge the council to reconsider these proposed changes and prioritize the needs and wellbeing of the community as a whole.

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5700	I do not support the proposed change	Dog owners need some parks to be able to take dogs already a very non dog friendly city, we cant make it more restrictive
5728	I do not support the proposed change	I would like the park to continue to be an off-leash park. But I would like clearer signage about on-leash restriction in on-leash areas.
5740	I do not support the proposed change	This is a common area for local dog walkers to let their dogs have a run around. Again, if you are proposing such a change - then you should be building a fenced off safe area for dogs to be let off leash.
5746	I do not support the proposed change	These poor dogs have few places to go
5750	I do not support the proposed change	I submitted my reasons more than 10 years ago when all of the park was on leash I have been coming to this park since 1980. After the council bought Monte Cecilia from the Catholic order a friendly group with loveable dogs used this as off-lead then Without consultation council put up signs saying all is on leash. I campaigned and submitted with petitions to be off leash. The compromise was the bowl only off leash. Thank you a correct decision. My reasons: I have never seen any threatening behaviour from dogs here. There is a long standing community of dog lovers coming here enjoying the area with their dogs peacefully. There is a vacuum of off lead areas in this ward. Three kings is overcrowded and a volcano; Cornwall park Cambell Rd. paddock was changed from off lead to o lead; Onehunga lagoon seems dangerous to many people since the murder there; the council have not leased the Govt RR land bordering the Herd road as a continuation of Monte Cecilia Park and other off lead areas need to be accessed by car as far away. This park is unique as it has two valleys so easily can be used for multi purpose including dogs off lead. In my daily walks here, since the council bought this the majority of people using this park are peaceful dog walkers. Many women come here from far by car as they feel this is the safest park to walk their dogs. The geographical feature of the 2nd open bowl valley gives this open sense of security. This friendly community of mostly women dog walkers need an off lead area in Auckland and this park has been providing that successfully since the park's inception The area should stay off leash to provide the many Aucklanders with this peaceful place for dogs and the community.
5867	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should have the right to exercise their dog/s as per they current bylaws.
5869	I do not support the proposed change	People are having laws thrust upon them from every direction now you're even trying to dictate if and when and how and why they can walk their dogs. Please give it a rest. If it's not broken don't try and fix it. This bureaucracy is beyond belief. People have a right to walk their dogs off lead at their local parks. It's good for dogs behaviour and good for humans. End of! ██████
5875	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Celia is one of the few parks in Auckland that has no muddy areas & we walk there frequently with our dog who loves to romp around playing with other dogs. Both dogs and humans get lots of exercise and it's a win-win for all.

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5876	I do not support the proposed change	I take my dog to Monte Cecilia every week for him to get his energy out. Off lead areas are few and far between. I would like to see this area be kept off lead so the dog owner community can continue to walk their dogs and let them enjoy exploring and playing free of a lead.
5877	I do not support the proposed change	This park is mostly used by people with dogs and making this change will certainly drive most dog owners away or provoke people to break the rules, because when I walk my dog, a lot of times I see no one in the bowl area, or a couple of people with dogs playing. There's no reason behind taking this space away from dog owners and, of course, dogs.
5879	I do not support the proposed change	I do not believe that the current off leash area at Monte Cecilia Park is a significant risk to people. It would be a huge loss to the local community and to wider Aucklanders as it is a central, beautiful part of the city. It is a massive drawcard that there is an off leash area for my dog to run around and burn off some energy and socialise with other dogs and their owners. There are already only a very limited amount of areas we can take our dog to walk and run offleash in central Auckland. I have never seen any dog behave in a dangerous manner to any person or other dog. It is a friendly place and is great for meeting up to join other dog walkers in a safe and pleasant environment. From what I have seen, the majority of walkers in the park own dogs, and the off leash area is particularly valuable. If the off leash area was removed, it would be detrimental to my dog's physical and mental health as there will be fewer opportunities for him to exercise off lead and meet other dogs. I am sure this is the case for many other Auckland dog owners. Thanks.
5880	I do not support the proposed change	I know and number of people who take their dogs here to allow for essential off lead socialisation. The current bylaws is sufficient, however council needs to actually enforce the current bylaws.
5883	I do not support the proposed change	There are already loads of parks for people, with increasing pet numbers due to flexible working from home arrangements our pets need somewhere to run off lead under control.
5887	I do not support the proposed change	The off-leash section of the park is an integral gathering place for the community, enabling dogs to be socialised and for their owners, who may themselves experience isolation, to connect over a shared love of dogs. It is only one small area, with the adjacent large grass areas providing places for people to picnic, play games etc. If the issue is that people are allowing their dogs to be off leash in other areas of the park, it's important to note that this is not all dog owners and could be remedied by greater signage about the on-leash areas.
5892	I do not support the proposed change	The bowl part of the park has been a perfect place for small dogs to run around as it's naturally 'sheltered' where they can't run off. There have been many successful dog meet ups where they were all responsibly managed.

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5893	I do not support the proposed change	I own a dog, who I walk in any of 3 different parks (Madills, Glover or Monte Cecelia) twice a day. My dog walks and runs off leash and does not annoy others, is not a threat to people or the environment does not dig holes and just enjoys chasing a Frisbee or ball and playing with other dogs off leash. This provides stimulation for her and for me as I get to chat with other dog owners and park users. I am respectful of other park users if they are playing games and I endeavour not to visit if organised activities are taking place, although this can be hard as in summer months we are also not allowed on the beach. My pet provides companionship to me and to my neighbours. Allowing dogs to use local parks is beneficial because it provides them with essential exercise and mental stimulation, promotes socialization with other dogs and people, enhances the overall well-being of both the dog and its owner, and can contribute to a stronger sense of community within a neighborhood, as long as responsible dog ownership practices are followed. Exercising a dog our side, promotes physical and mental health, for our dogs regular exercise and playtime to maintain a healthy body and mind, and parks offer a great space for them to run, play fetch, and explore. Socialization: Dog parks allow dogs to interact with other dogs, which can help with socialization skills, reduce aggression, and build confidence. Community building: When dog owners frequent local parks with their pets, it creates opportunities to meet and connect with other people in the neighborhood. Increased physical activity for owners: Walking a dog in a park encourages owners to be more active, which benefits their own health. Stress reduction: Spending time in nature with a dog can be calming and stress-reducing for both the dog and the owner. Please don't take the space away from us to walk freely and paly respectfully. I would also like to not that I have heard it say that dogs dig holes in the parks, my experience is that it is the sport equipment and sprinklers that do the most
5905	I do not support the proposed change	The bowl is a naturally defined area and it works very well Keeping this as an off leash area, unlike in some other parks. Owners there generally are great at controlling dogs. It provides an important community hub for dog owners and nearby Big King is sadly unsafe for smaller dogs with numerous attacks by bigger dogs.
5912	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of only 3 large areas for dogs allowed off leash in town and it is the most central. The natural bowl layout is perfect for exercising dogs off lead and keeping them in one place. I see no problems with the current rules and doubt changes will improve anything.
5915	I do not support the proposed change	The park is big enough to sustain space between dog walkers. It has become a hub for dogs to socialise from the local area. The hill is also perfect for playing fetch and giving the dogs exercise.
5918	I do not support the proposed change	This area has long been an excellent area for exercising dogs and people meeting. There is a community spirit and all the dogs that I have observed have been well behaved. There isd no reason to change.

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5920	I do not support the proposed change	The Monte Cecilia Park has lovely dog owners community and we been going there for years. Most of the people and their dogs are so nice we became friend an and family. It's somewhere we have to go every weekend and to be honest most of the people going to this park have dogs, and it's park with decent size the bowl shape area is pretty much isolated from the other areas, we really need to have somewhere in Onehunga one tree hill three kings areas to let our dogs run freely. Most of us are very responsible pick up the rubbish and keep our dogs under control we truly hope we could keep this area so we get to see our friends and our dog get to see their buddies as well
5934	I do not support the proposed change	See submission by [REDACTED] My name is [REDACTED], I'm a dog owner and regular user of Monte Cecilia. There are several points I wish to make today. 1.Part of Auckland Council's purpose is to improve the wellbeing of the population of Auckland, and this proposal to disallow dogs off-leash at places like Monte Cecilia directly contravenes that. With our growing dog and human population, and the intensification of housing, we need MORE off-leash areas, not less! 2.I would like to ask the Council whether research has been done into where dog attacks have taken place? Have these attacks been verified by other witnesses? It feels like a knee-jerk reaction to possibly a very small number of complaints. If a person is attacked by another human on Mt Eden, would that park then be closed to prevent further attacks? Of course not; the attacker would be sought out and held to account. Similarly we shouldn't just remove a facility because of some unverified complaints. It is unfair to punish the majority of responsible dog owners for the sins of a few people. 3.Medical research is clear that owning animals improves people's health and wellbeing – and Monte Cecilia is a place of human as well as dog connection. So many people I meet there say it is their happy place. There are two young children who regularly come to the Monte Cecilia off-leash area to have a safe and joyful dog experience because their landlord doesn't allow them to have a dog at their home. 4.It is impossible to compare walking a dog on a lead with the experience of having them run free and romp with other dogs. Dogs that have that experience
5937	I do not support the proposed change	The designated bowl area provides an ideal space for exercising and socializing dogs off leash with their owners, while leaving the major part of this beautiful park for all other visitors to enjoy. As a user of the park for several years I have seen this current arrangement work well. I have experienced the joy of watching my dog and others frolicking under the watchful eyes of a group of responsible like-minded owners.

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5941	I do not support the proposed change	The bowl provides a safe place for dogs and their owners. The dogs need to be off leash to maintain their physical and emotional health. This provides for an experienced community of dog owners who support each other and model excellent dog management. As a single elderly woman I find the park to be safe and supportive and it provides me with happy time with others of like mind. The Onehunga basin attracts a less supportive, at times, unsafe environment for both me and my dog. My lifestyle, and that of my rescue dog, will be markedly changed for the worse if the Mont Cecilia off leash area is restricted to on leash only. Thank you for considering my submission..
5944	I do not support the proposed change	I frequent this park with my dog and have found a great community of fellow responsible dog owners. These rule changes will do nothing to curb the behaviours of already irresponsible dog owners and only penalise the rest of us Unnecessarily. I do not support the proposed changes.
5947	I do not support the proposed change	I only walk my dog here infrequently. However, most of the people I encounter when walking tend to be exercising their dogs. There are limited other users. Much of the park is on-leash, and there is plenty of room for other users of the park to walk. It is a large park and having one area which is off-leash, and provides a space for dogs to gather to play and run, seems reasonable and will retain the character of the park.
5961	I do not support the proposed change	Dear officer, as a dog owner, we as family would travel 20 to 30mins sometimes to come to Monte Cecilia to walk our dog so he could run around freely and meet other dogs; moreover this is one of the very few places we are allowed to do this. Majority of the places dogs are allowed on leash or not allowed at not. Please please kindly consider this feedback.
5970	I do not support the proposed change	Currently used for off leash alternative to other high pressure dog areas. This would limit the available off leash areas that we have easy access to substantially. Or at least the ones that are enjoyable to walk around. Big king and monte Cecile are both lovely to walk around while dog is off leash.
5971	I do not support the proposed change	Our dogs need socialisation and to be able to do so in off leash areas. It's so nice seeing the dogs getting good exercise in. It is in an area that is safe and confined and if people aren't comfortable with dogs - it is a massive park already with lots of other areas they can walk in. There are not many off leash dog parks in central AKL that are close to south Auckland too. I drive from Mangere to monte Cecilia so that my dog can get a good socialization and off leash run in.

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5977	I do not support the proposed change	We've been joining the Monte Cecelia evening dog community for the last two years since we got our dog. It is an incredibly welcoming and safe space, and everyone supports one another to ensure the dogs are able to play and exercise safely. If anything begins to escalate, people step in to resolve the issue but this is extremely infrequent because people watch their dogs and prevent issues before they even start. It's been a place where our dog has grown his social skills and we have made many long term friends. It would be a huge loss to the community to remove this. There are many local on-leash areas where people have priority space and dogs are only on-leash. This is one of the few central spaces where dogs can have an off leash play. If you are worried about the park generally, you should install more signs to make the off and on leash areas clearly signposted. You should also look in to fencing part of the park if you're concerned.
5985	I do not support the proposed change	It is a great space for dogs to socialise. Owners bring well behaved dogs.
5991	I do not support the proposed change	It is one of the very few safe off leash areas in central Auckland. The dogs there are on majority, well behaved, well trained, and well socialised. To change it to a leash only area will impact both the ability for off leash exercise but also dog socialisation which has the potential to reduce socialability and increase reactivity in public places.
5995	I do not support the proposed change	How else uses this park apart from people walking their dogs. Has anyone been there and counted the people walking - I don't think Ive ever seen people walking without a dog by their side. People who go to the cafe and concerts don't go anywhere near the park so why is this change even being suggested. Even when the school was there the children were the only people using the park when they did sport - it's a very under utilised park apart from DOG WALKERS
5998	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia park has a thriving community of well-trained and well behaved dogs that play together and teach eachother good behaviours. Spending time and exercising together provides enrichment that means they are better behave. Its so important to have a place for dogs to run free: safe from cars, able to play together under the eyes of their involved owners. I am also a rate payer, paying dog registration fees yearly. I feel that this is fair contribution for me and my family to use parks safely with our dog being able to run (under control) and free

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6004	I support the proposed change	The whole park is treated like an off leash park now. You cant picnic or sit in the park without a dog running up to you. Kids are scared of dogs running up to them. The park smells like dog ***** because owners don't pick up their dog ***** . They can't alway see where their dogs are or where they are crapping! Often dogs run in packs and charge at people walking... not a nice place to visit now. The dog owners have pushed out people.... And the enjoyment to use this park.
6005	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed change in policy is a gross overreaction to a minuscule number of negative incidents at Monte Cecelia Park. The off-leash area at Monte Cecelia is absolutely ideal for dogs. They are away from the roads, there are no unsafe plants, and being a wide open space ensures dog owners are able to supervise their dogs at all times. The space is not usable for other recreational activities such as sports or market events etc due to the steep terrain. One or two negative events cannot ruin access for the hundreds of regular users of the off-leash area. In general, restricting the areas where dogs can play off-leash is only going to impact the law-abiding and responsible dog owners, driving up their costs to drive to alternate parks, or for some that cannot drive, the dog will no longer get any time to run free. Having dedicated off leash parks or areas within parks is a critical part of the healthy and positive development of dogs in our community. Similar to kids going to school is viral for their social development, off lease play with other dogs (when supervised) is a fundamental part of canine development. Removing these off leash areas will prevent positive dog-parent communities from meeting regularly for off leash dog play, leading to dogs becoming less social, and eventually I expect to see more issues involving members of the public as a direct result of the removal of off leash areas. The negative incidents have likely occurred outside of the designated off leash areas, and the real problem is the owners of the problem dogs not following the existing rules and not taking responsibility for their dogs actions.
6007	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland already has very few off-leash areas for dogs, while there are plenty of on-leash parks. Why take away one of the rare spaces where dogs can run freely? Dogs also have rights—they need space to exercise, play, and socialize. Restricting more areas forces them into smaller and smaller spaces, which isn't fair to them or their owners. Instead of reducing off-leash areas, we should be protecting and even expanding them to support the well-being of dogs in our community.

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6008	I do not support the proposed change	This park is a sanctuary and place of joy because of the dogs. We didn't discover Monte Cecilia until our dog was six months old - when we took her there she progressed so much because of the free socialisation with other dogs. I also learned lots from other dog owners while we stood around the bowl and the dogs played. it's a beautiful ambiance and incredible sense of community among those who are there. Most people respect the current restriction of off leash in the bowl area and those who might walk their dogs around the park off leash (which is not within the existing rules), do have control of their dogs. I've never seen issues... Please don't change the existing off leash area. If anything I'd ask for the greater park area to be off leash in its entirety
6012	I do not support the proposed change	Let dogs be off leash. Auckland should be dog friendly, I'm in Scotland right now and they are SO dog friendly, we should learn to be as such instead of doing what the 5% (Karens) want - ***** their grotty little horror children or whatever old people who hate dogs. Spend your ***** resources on doing more to have less roadworks ffs.
6013	I do not support the proposed change	Most walkers in the park are walking their dogs. This is a great space in a naturally formed bowl where supportive, responsible owners gather daily to socialise and allow their dogs to socialise also. There is next to no issues either roaming or antisocial dogs due to the responsibility taken by regular park users. As Auckland reaches record numbers of dog owners, and we live in smaller spaces than ever before, there are fewer spaces than ever where our dogs can play. Please address the balance and allow the majority of park users to enjoy the space.
6024	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the best dog socialisation parks, which is important for dog socialising , owner socialisation, and general fitness. The evidence is that well socialised dogs with other dogs and people are safer. Restricting access to these areas does not increase the safety of anyone by reducing the opportunity to socialise. It unfairly creates a divided society and breaks necessary community bonds. Which we need in our increasingly fractured society
6028	I do not support the proposed change	There are already very few places where dogs can run freely, and this park is one of the last good spots for them to exercise, play, and socialize. If this change happens, dogs will have even fewer spaces to enjoy, which is really unfair to them. Many large dogs need off-leash exercise to stay healthy, and walking them on a leash just isn't enough. This park has always been a place where responsible dog owners gather, and everyone respects the space and each other. Taking this away would be disappointing and unnecessary. I hope the council will consider the needs of dogs and their owners and keep Monte Cecilia Park as an off-leash area. Thank you

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6029	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal of turning Monte Cecilia Park into an on-leash area. As a responsible dog owner and a passionate advocate for animal welfare, I believe this change would be highly detrimental to both the local dog community and their owners. Off-leash parks are already scarce in Auckland, and Monte Cecilia Park is one of the few good spaces where dogs can run freely, socialize, and exercise properly. In contrast, there are already numerous on-leash parks in the surrounding areas. Restricting yet another park would significantly limit the opportunities for dogs, especially large breeds, to get the physical activity they need. Many dogs require off-leash exercise for their physical and mental well-being, and removing such spaces forces owners into difficult situations where their pets' needs cannot be adequately met. For years, Monte Cecilia Park has been a beloved gathering place for dog lovers who respect and care deeply for their pets. This park is not just a space for walking dogs; it is a community where dogs and their owners form meaningful connections. By enforcing an on-leash rule, we are not only depriving dogs of their play and socialization opportunities but also dismantling a well-established, responsible dog-friendly community. Furthermore, I personally went through great efforts and expenses to bring my dog all the way from China to New Zealand because I believed this country values animal welfare and offers a welcoming environment for dogs. However, these increasing restrictions on off-leash spaces are deeply disappointing and disheartening for dog owners like me. It feels as though the freedom and quality of life that once made New Zealand a great place for dogs are slowly being taken away.
6031	Other (please explain below)	While I realise that there is little chance to turn this park into a dog-free zone, I would still like to plead for it. As I have mentioned in an earlier comment, I have experienced an unprovoked dog attack in 2023 in an area of Monte Cecilia Park where dogs were meant to be on-leash (close to Herd Road). The dog owner was unapologetic although her dog (Husky) kept attacking me viciously for several minutes before it bit me in the leg. I remember this park to have been a beautiful, safe space for everyone to enjoy, but in recent years, it feels more like a "dog park". I do not feel safe there anymore. However, the few times that I have visited since my traumatising experience in 2023, I rarely see any dog on-leash in the designated areas. I fear for families with small children. When walking around Monte Cecilia Park in recent years, I have observed threatening behaviour of off-leash dogs towards members of the public and fights among dogs off leash.
6042	I do not support the proposed change	Very few places now to take dogs off leash which are safe and close to south Epsom. One hunga nasin the water isn't v safe for dogs. There is a well established dog community at Monte Cecilia that is very responsible. Thanks

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6046	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need a safe environment to play!
6048	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposal to make Monte Cecilia Park an on-leash area. This change would be a significant loss for dog owners and, more importantly, for the dogs themselves. There are already very few off-leash spaces available in this area, and restricting yet another park will leave dog owners with even fewer options. Many large dogs require regular off-leash exercise to stay healthy and happy. If more parks become on-leash only, it will be incredibly unfair to these dogs, as well as their owners, who are trying to provide them with the care and freedom they need. Monte Cecilia Park has long been a favorite place for responsible dog owners to bring their pets to run and socialize. Most people who visit this park with their dogs are respectful and considerate, ensuring a positive environment for everyone. It is disheartening to see such an important space being taken away from a community that truly values it. As someone who cherishes the bond between humans and their dogs, I find this change disappointing. It feels like dogs are gradually losing the freedom they once had in New Zealand, a country that has always been known for being pet-friendly. I strongly urge the council to reconsider this decision and allow Monte Cecilia Park to remain an off-leash area. Dogs deserve safe places where they can run, play, and be happy. Thanks
6050	I do not support the proposed change	This is a popular park for dogs and removing the off-leash rule is just ridiculous. Do you not know dogs are more reactive without properly socialised? There aren't already enough off leash park for dogs so do you expect all owners just take their dogs to one off leash park instead of giving them some multiple choices. Should incidents happened then the only 'off leash' park would be banned as well. Why? Because of no brainers from the council causing over crowded in one park and dogs felt overwhelmed. Think about if this happens to your kids, would they be happy sharing one playground with 50+ kids in one time? Or would you rather take them to a playground with less people so both kids and parents can enjoy their downtime? I know dogs aren't human but they are still living creatures and deserve better life.

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6053	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are and need to remain a positive part of the life of Aucklanders and regular access to their own local beaches and parks for off leash exercise is a huge contributing factor in the provision of a healthy and happy life for most dogs. The proposed law changes in fact an excessive and extreme response to issues arising from irresponsible dog ownership. These issues need to be to be addressed far more adequately through targeted and direct intervention, not through a cheap 'shortcut solution' like the law changes proposed here.
6057	I do not support the proposed change	This is a safe place to bring our dog to socialise with other dogs who are cared for and have responsible owners. Other local area that are easily accessed before and after work hours which enable off leash time are not as safe-they have less desirable features such as access to busy roads, mud or wetland and one area, dubious dogs. The off leash area at Monte is well defined and we feel the rule is being changed due to the fact that some dog owners do not obey the rules. If there was more signage and enforcement to prevent these rule -breakers, many people could still enjoy this wonderful, safe, accessible area to enable dogs (and their owners!) to exercise and socialise.
6060	I do not support the proposed change	I have lived in the community for over 30 years and have enjoyed taking my dog to the park for years. There is a huge sense of community and I have never seen any issues or complaints from park goers regarding the dogs. In fact most people enjoy seeing the dogs out having fun and running around with each other. I strongly oppose the bylaw change requiring all dogs to be leashed in parks. Off-leash areas are essential for dogs to run, play, and socialize—something a leash just can't provide. Without these spaces, dogs may develop behavioral issues from lack of exercise and interaction. Beyond that, off-leash zones bring communities together. Dog owners connect, share advice, and ensure their pets learn proper social behavior. Let's not take away something that benefits both dogs and their owners. I urge decision-makers to reconsider.

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6068	I do not support the proposed change	I take my dog here daily for his well being (and mine) socialisation and exercise. . This is fantastic off leash area and so good for the animals , the benefits of such areas are well documented. Please keep this leash free park for the community . I just wanted to add that having frequented the park most days for the last 4 years with my large dog, I find the majority of park-goers are dog owners, and there are very few open spaces left now where we can exercise our dogs leash free. If we can't retain our completely leash-free status , I would support a new proposal of ' timed' leash free like at Watling Park – like before 10 am and after 4pm or similar (differing summer/winter). I do hope you consider all the feedback supporting the current leash free status.
6074	I do not support the proposed change	- we use the off leash area often with our dog - there is a community of dog walkers that use the off leash area - there are limited alternatives - council has no strong rationale to make on leash only
6077	I do not support the proposed change	Because it's a great park for dogs in an urban area with plenty of room for users
6078	I do not support the proposed change	There is a wonderful dogs walking community that gathers there on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Plus it gives a great space to run your dog with other well controlled dogs
6080	I do not support the proposed change	- there is already a small off leash area - this is where the community congregates with their dogs - as tangatawhenua this is my maunga and council has no right to instruct my whanau that we cannot walk our dog off leash here - there are limited nearby alternatives
6085	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecila Park has been an essential off-leash space for our community, and I strongly oppose the bylaw change requiring all dogs to be leashed. I have been using this park for years, and it's a highlight of the neighborhood—a place where dogs can run freely, socialize, and get the exercise they need. A leash just isn't the same. Losing this space would be a huge disappointment, not just for me but for so many others who rely on it. Off-leash areas like Monte Cecila Park strengthen our community, allowing dog owners to connect while ensuring our pets stay happy and healthy. Taking this away would negatively impact both dogs and their owners. I would be extremely upset to see this change happen and urge decision-makers to reconsider. Monte Cecila Park should remain an off-leash haven for our community.

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6094	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecila Park has been a vital part of our community for years, providing a safe and welcoming space for dogs to exercise and socialize off-leash. As someone who has enjoyed this park for a long time, I am deeply concerned about the proposed bylaw change requiring all dogs to be leashed. Dogs are part of our families, and they deserve easy access to local areas where they can run, play, and stay active. Off-leash areas like Monte Cecilia Park are essential for their well-being, providing the physical exercise and socialization they need. Taking this away would have a negative impact on both dogs and their owners. There are already plenty of parks where dogs are not allowed, giving families who prefer to avoid them many options. However, there are very few spaces where responsible dog owners can bring their pets to enjoy off-leash time. Removing this park as an option would be unfair and unnecessary. I urge decision-makers to recognize the importance of Monte Cecila Park as an off-leash space and to reconsider this change. Our dogs and our community deserve better.
6100	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecila Park is a beloved part of this community, and one of the main reasons I chose to live in this area was its dog-friendly nature and off-leash availability. It's more than just a park—it's a place where dogs can truly be dogs, running free, socializing, and getting the exercise they need. The proposed bylaw change requiring all dogs to be leashed would take away something truly special. Dogs are part of our families, and they deserve spaces where they can play and thrive. Off-leash areas like Monte Cecilia Park aren't just a luxury—they're essential for responsible dog ownership and community connection. Meanwhile, there are plenty of parks where dogs aren't allowed, giving those who prefer to avoid them many options. In contrast, there are very few spaces left for dog owners. Losing Monte Cecila as an off-leash area would be a huge loss, not just for the dogs but for the entire neighborhood. I strongly urge decision-makers to reconsider. This park has been a highlight of the community for years—let's keep it that way.
6104	I do not support the proposed change	I visit this park every week with my dog because it's a safe fun place for my dog to play off leash.

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6109	I support the proposed change	Mt Ceceila off lead it fantastic. I go their multiple times during the week. General public are not impeded in any way by the off leash park as they can walk along the path. My dogs are family members so they need a place where the can run. I have never had any issues there. Great place for both me & the dogs to socialise with other owners & dogs. This morning there must have been 30 dogs running around happy. why take this away. That's dumb. This is why I pay my rates not for the cycle ways that no one uses.
6117	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great popular area for dog owners, it is important to keep these spaces for our furry friends to socialise
6118	I do not support the proposed change	I do not believe that there is any evidence of off leash dogs significantly impacting the enjoyment of the park currently. This policy change would however, significantly impact the exercise and enjoyment for the many dogs that use the park off leash WITHOUT incident. I support leaving the rules as they stand.
6124	I do not support the proposed change	This is an important off lead area unlike others nearby. It is open so you can see your dog easily. It is accessible compared to big kings hilly space. And it is dry with no waterbodies unlike Onehunga bay reserve where my dogs get muddy due to the controlled tide gates.
6125	I do not support the proposed change	██████████ I know you do not like dogs and that is valid. But Monte Cecilia is one of the view decent areas in the city for dogs to chase a ball off leash or otherwise interact with other dogs in a natural (off leash) way. Humans on the other hand have so many dog free options in the area if they want to play ball without dogs.
6126	I do not support the proposed change	It's our favourite place to take our Springer Spaniel for a great run in such beautiful grounds ,we have never seen any bad behaviour Wealso stop for a coffee at Pah Homestead, less people in park not good for business Please please don't take the joy of walking with our dog at this gorgeous location away from us and many others Taking away off leash parks with a growing population is ludicrous Pease stop
6128	I do not support the proposed change	It is a wonderful park for an off leash area and there are not many others in the area. So many wonderful dogs and responsible owners use this area correctly and it is a great place for dogs to socialize
6139	I do not support the proposed change	We use the bowl here, we have met a lot of like minded dog lovers and thier animals, we have not come across any aggressive dogs or bad owners, I don't see how a blanket rule for all parks is fair on those who look after their animals. If you have evidence of multiple dog attacks at this site show the proof, if not then look for other areas who are causing issues and leave this one alone.
6140	I do not support the proposed change	This is a horrible idea, for dog lovers and animals. Where do you expect dog to spend their time? Walking 1 hour in the community without interacting and playing with the others? This is a serious concern, for dogs psychological and physical wellbeing. This is NZ, people can enjoy everywhere please let dogs also enjoy their limited space can run freely in central areas!!!!
6141	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should have somewhere to running freely without leash, its on their natural. If someone doesn't like dog, they still have many on-leash park to go.

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6146	I do not support the proposed change	The main users of this park are for dogs and runners. There is a wonderful community that has been created by the local dog community and it would be an absolute shame to take that away without a good reason. There are limited dog off leash areas in central Auckland, the next closest being Three Kings, however given it is a mountain, access for the elderly and their dogs is difficult as the pathways and steps are a barrier.
6148	I do not support the proposed change	there is not many areas for off lead controlled dogs
6152	I do not support the proposed change	It's a perfect place for dog to play and run around, might not that fit for who just wanted to have a walk. So the off-leash dog should not be a problem. Most dogs in the park are very friendly and gentle.
6156	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecelia Park currently enjoys dogs off leash without any hazards. I attend the park daily both with and without my dogs, and I have NEVER seen any issue between dog walkers and non dog walkers!!! The council seems to be creating problems where they simply don't exist. Dogs need more space, not less in Auckland. New Zealand's attitude to dogs is archaic and controlling compared to the rest of the world.
6166	I do not support the proposed change	The local dog community utilise the off leash area consistently, building a strong community. The area does not have a children's play area, nor a significant native bird population at risk from dogs. A large proportion of visitors to Monte Cecilia are those with dogs for the off leash area. On-leash would dissuade this community from attending the park.
6172	I do not support the proposed change	I use this park daily with my dog. And we love having our off leash time. I am an older person, and find the parking and well maintained pathways easy to use. I do not understand why the council would want to take away the ability for us to use the park off leash
6175	I support the proposed change	I have taken my children to this park for years and they refuse to enter the park when there are dogs off leash as they are scared. Off leash dogs limit the public enjoyment of the park for the wider community.

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6177	I do not support the proposed change	I do not think the off lead area creates a risk for people. This is a great and social off-leash area for the dogs and their owners. It is easy enough for people to avoid the bowl if they don't like dogs. Have not seen the off leash dogs bothering anyone. The off leash dog park becomes a little community for dogs and their owners and do not want to see that taken away. Dog owners are ratepayers too...and this off leash area is great because there are no paved paths through it so don't need to be constantly watching out for speeding cyclists or e-scooter riders, and also no overflowing rubbish bins and chicken bones/foodscraps on the ground. This park has a long history of dog access, the church used to allow people to walk their dogs off lead before the council bought the park. Dog owners fought hard years ago after the council bought the park to get some off leash access. I believe there was even a lawyer involved at one stage. I have lived in or close to the area for over 25 years If there have been complaints to council regarding dogs that has probably been due to the dog owners that walk their dogs off lead outside of the off leash area or that don't pick up after their dogs. There will always be some people who don't follow the rules (whether there's an off leash area or not) Some better signage might help(maybe at top and bottom of the 'dog bowl)might help to remind dog owners where they are allowed to let the dogs off lead.
6181	I do not support the proposed change	the current off leash area is small as it is. Please keep it!
6186	I do not support the proposed change	This is a very popular large park in the dog walking community. It has a great mix of shade, hills and off leash grass bowl area to exercise your furry friends. There is enough space for everyone to find a spot for a picnic, relax under the tree or on the bench or simply walk your dog and let is run a bit. I believe this is a negative change that won't do any good to either the park visitors or cafes located on the grounds and nearby.
6193	I do not support the proposed change	The park is used extensively by dog owners and in a very positive way for both humans and dogs. We use the park regularly and have always felt dogs are well behaved and controlled.
6194	I do not support the proposed change	The off lead area is well defined and users have their dogs under control. The park is big enough for people who don't want to interact with dogs to walk on the other side of the park. This park is well used by locals with dogs, who also support the cafe on site. This park can accommodate both activities.
6233	I do not support the proposed change	I oppose the proposed change
6235	I do not support the proposed change	We take our dog to MCP weekly. She's a well behaved dog and we make sure she's under control. Would hate it if she could not run off leash with her friends.
6236	I do not support the proposed change	This park serves an incredible spot for socialisation of dogs. A real community has formed with dogs able to explore and develop strong social skills. This ensures dogs integrate seamlessly into households and communities - strong socialisation protects against dog reactivity.

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6253	I do not support the proposed change	We moved to Auckland three years ago. This is the best off-leash area for socialising dogs in our area. It was a pivotal community for us settling into Auckland and remains central to our dogs well-being as well as our own. From my observations - most of the people within the park are dog people utilising the off-leash area; the owners keep very good control of their dogs. This feels the safest off-leash area for our dog which is why we continue to use it frequently.
6273	I do not support the proposed change	To require that dogs remain on leash in this unique natural bowl defeats one of the main features of this dog park - an area where dogs are able to run and be exercised, fetch balls and mix and socialise with other dogs. The proposed policy change would significantly hamper these uses to the detriment of many dogs and their owners. This park is unique in that it offers a safe space where these sorts of activities are possible away from roads and where dogs and their owners can gather. So long as dog owners are responsible and control their own dogs then I do not see the benefit of requiring dogs to be kept on leash in this area. Does this policy mean that dogs have to be kept on leash elsewhere in Monte Cecilia Park or only in the bowl area? This needs to be clarified. But nevertheless I still do not support the requirement that dogs be kept on leash in the bowl area for the reasons set out above.
6278	I do not support the proposed change	The majority of people (including myself) who use Monte Cecilia park are dog users. It's a great local resource for us. With so much medium density housing - there needs to be places for people to let their dogs off leash - otherwise the dogs can't get enough exercise and it creates issues for the dogs, dog owners and neighbours. In my opinion the whole park should be off leash.
6281	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecelia Park is the closest off leash area to my house. I take my small dog there so that she can socialise with other similar dogs and get exercise that keeps her calm and healthy. She loves to chase her ball, which she needs to be off leash to do. When we have gone to other off leash spaces in the local area, these have been overcrowded with large dogs that chase and scare my dog when she runs. The dog owners who take their dogs to Monte Cecelia are very welcoming and share their knowledge and ideas about being good owners. Being able to exercise my small dog at Monte Cecelia means that she is more settled and calm at home, and doesn't bark or annoy the neighbours. It is beneficial for both her and my mental health. Even though I live close to Monte Cecelia Park, I had never spent very much time there before getting my dog, whereas now I visit there at least four times a week.
6292	I do not support the proposed change	The park provides a welcoming community for dog owners and their dogs to enjoy off leash time together in a large open space. Something that is hard to come by in inner city Auckland. There are many many parks in Auckland approx 4000, but only about 50 of those are off leash. Please don't reduce that number.

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6295	I do not support the proposed change	This park has always been a very harmonious and friendly place, where all dogs and people get along well without any conflicts. Nature does not belong only to humans—it also belongs to dogs. They need freedom and a peaceful, friendly environment to run and play.
6314	I do not support the proposed change	I oppose this change
6320	I do not support the proposed change	This would be such a shame. There is a really supportive community that have formed purely from regularly meeting at the dog bowl after work. We celebrate dog birthdays and other major holiday events at the park. Last Christmas, one of the regulars, brought along little goodie packs for the dogs. We have formed genuine connections in a way that simply would not have happened organically if we were walking our dogs on leash. These are the type of places that genuinely improve people's quality of life, and I urge you to reconsider making this change which would ultimately negatively impact the culture of the Monte Cecilia park.
6322	I do not support the proposed change	what a great place for dogs free to run, dogs are people's friend
6324	I do not support the proposed change	It should stay an off leash area
6331	I do not support the proposed change	Should stick with the current policy. No change is better than a there.
6342	I do not support the proposed change	This is a safe and large area for my high energy dog to run free. We live in a city with barely any places to run our dogs freely. Keeping this give dogs some place to go to exercise! Our dogs need freedom to roam
6344	I do not support the proposed change	I oppose the change
6345	I do not support the proposed change	What is the significant risk created to people due to the current policy? The off leash area is used on a daily basis by both dog owners and other users. Retaining this local off leash area with grass and some tree coverage is essential in the hotter periods and to enable dogs to socialise with other dogs. It provides a good sized area for dogs to run and be appropriately exercised. I use this park on a weekly basis as a non dog owner and have had no issues with off leash dogs and their owners.
6362	I do not support the proposed change	Monte cecilia park is the only big, dog off leash area around where I live, Epsom. We have a beautiful dog owners community at Monte Cecilia.
6366	I do not support the proposed change	Need this large area as it is used so much by dog owners. Making the area smaller will result in higher concentration of dogs and less area to be offleash. Dogs need designated areas for exercise.

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6392	I do not support the proposed change	This area is home to an evening community of local residents and friends with intermittent visits from a wide range of dogs, all well-socialised and relating to each other in a calm and friendly way. Dogs generally do not socialise as effectively when on leash, and denying access will destroy this community and create substantial political protest and resistance. Instead, a more appropriate approach would be to upgrade the current minimal signage to clearly indicate the boundaries of the dog exercise area. A brief observation of the site would indicate common approaches and the most effective signage locations. The current location has no visible or adjacent signage at all, and it's reasonable to assume that some visitors to the park might be startled by a group of happy dogs playing. A second modification likely to improve public comfort and safety would be to move the designated area slightly, from it's current south-eastern location in the bowl-shaped depression to the grassy area north of the trees in the north-eastern edge of the bowl area. This location has become a customary location for dog exercise and socialising already, because it's further away from the paths, cafe, and art gallery, and has better visibility of the surrounding area, which prevents other users of the park being surprised by unexpected dog encounters. Moving the dog exercise area would also free the popular banks below the art gallery for uninterrupted public use. If perfect location compliance is required, then incentives could also be provided in the form of paths, seating, or a water source. The more general contraction of areas suitable for effective dog exercise and socialisation throughout Auckland is likely to worsen the overall situation with dog regulation and public safety, which would be an undesirable outcome while the community attitudes are currently cooperative. It's also possible that current
6441	I do not support the proposed change	There is zero evidence of problems at Monte Cecilia Park - this is a concoction from someone in Council. I use Monte Cecilia frequently and have NEVER encountered any issues
6444	I do not support the proposed change	Lack of Supporting Evidence The justification for these restrictions lacks factual support. Misplaced Focus on Irresponsible Ownership The proposed changes appear to target issues related to irresponsible dog ownership. Impact on Community Connection Recreational spaces play a vital role in fostering social connections. This is particularly important for those without children or who live alone, as it may be one of their primary social outlets.
6447	I do not support the proposed change	Expand areas and times that dog owners can access with their companions

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6464	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need off leash time and this park is nice and tucked away and not a nuisance to anyone. It is not used for sport or anything so why even consider removing it as a dog space? Dog needs EXERCISE. Especially dogs like huskys, they need to run and do their own thing. There will be more incidents if we remove dogs freedom.
6478	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few places already where we can take our dogs; parks and waterways provide enrichment and socialization opportunities. Council should aim to increase the areas where dogs are allowed, instead of reducing them. Council is missing on the economic opportunity dogs can be.
6482	I do not support the proposed change	The park is a good space for off lead dogs if under control
6491	I do not support the proposed change	For many reasons this will have a significant impact on the local community and is a step backwards, rather than forwards in the development of communities where everyone can thrive. I strongly disagree with these proposed changes for the following reasons: - community interaction will be reduced. Monte Cecilia is currently a lovely place for dog owners to meet and let their dogs run around, interact and exercise. it contributes to the vibrancy and enjoyment for everyone of the space. No dog owners ever let their dogs run up to people/interact with people who aren't interested in dogs, both dog owners and walkers have peacefully co-existed - health and wellbeing of dogs and people: being allowed to let your dog run around and catch a ball is enjoyable and important for the health and wellbeing of owners and dogs. - Housing intensification reducing outdoor space: the Council has encouraged and allowed the intensification of housing, resulting in the majority of homes in the area having minimal outdoor space. The removal of a space where dogs can run freely and play fetch etc will cause other issues like dogs barking more causing noise complaints, more frustrated dogs trying to escape and roam the streets etc. The Council should not approve such small sections if they don't provide recreational spaces for all members of the community to enjoy freely. - Rates and registration fees: Most people in the surrounding suburbs pay both rates and their dog registration fees. Removing areas where locals can exercise their dogs and let them run around to be dogs, makes me (and I am sure many others) question where these substantial yearly sums are going and why we should be contributing them at all.
6505	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great off leash area at present. Maybe more signs are needed to clearly show the off leash area as we have noted some owners don't know where the on leash part starts. We really enjoy the off leash area and it is great for those of us who live near by

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6510	I do not support the proposed change	The park is large and beautiful. The park is very well used by a very large group of dog owners who are respectful of other dog owners and other park users. The off leash area is well used and a very social place for dogs and humans alike. If dogs are under control off leash walking a circuit of the park is a great walk and in the summer time it can mostly be walked in the shade.
6522	I do not support the proposed change	I walk my dog here every day. The dog community here is very wholesome and unique to anywhere else in Auckland. It is an easy access to elderly dog walkers in the area unlike Big King and Onehunga (which has dirty water and gets dogs sick).
6524	I support the proposed change	-Dog owners do not pick up dog excrement and therefore if our children play on these areas they put their health and the health of others in their family at risk. - do not want children frightened by dogs when out enjoying valuable time with the family
6532	I do not support the proposed change	The majority of the park is already on leash, some of which is used and some of which is rarely used. The off leash area is the part of the park most used. The vast majority of park usage is the cafe and people exercising their dogs. go anytime, any day and you'll see that the off leash area is the most used. Having been to the park regularly (at least once per day) for the past 7 years I have never seen an issue with an off leash dog and a citizen.
6539	I do not support the proposed change	The way the park is working now , benefits everyone.
6542	I do not support the proposed change	Current space is a perfect off leash dog area. Unsure of what justification there is to change the leash law in the bowl area of the park
6544	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the few central locations available for off leash play and meet ups in the dog community and would be a huge loss
6564	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs in the area need an off leash area to meet all their dog needs eg sniffing, playing with other dogs, a large area to run full speed in if they want, these behaviors are essential for dog mental health, being confined or on leash all the time outside is not good for a dog's mental health. Monte Cecilia is an enormous piece of area, there is room for both dogs and no dog pedestrians, and the dog demographic that goes there is generally well behaved
6576	I do not support the proposed change	Don't see that this will improve the community spirit of local dog owners. There is a strong group of responsible dog owners who appreciate the park and surrounds and respect other park users. How disappointing for those dogs who like to chase a ball!!!
6581	I do not support the proposed change	we need more off leash
6592	I do not support the proposed change	Great dog park, well used, shared space. Use a lot - never seen concerns.

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6598	I do not support the proposed change	I have a 14 year old Huntaway names Jess. Jess came to me as a shut down and sad dog. She doesn't chase balls or chew sticks but she does like going for walks. Jess has arthritis in 3 of her legs and needs 2 walks a day to keep her muscle strength to support her joints. She also needs the enrichment and socialisation to keep her mentally well. Jess gets a leash walk in the morning but 2 leash walks can be a bit tiring for her so I take her to the Monte Cecilia off leash area most evening so that she can wander around at her own pace. From the first day I took her to Monte Cecilia, the look on her face told me this would be her happy place. Jess has favourite humans she sees every day that she makes a b-line for. She has an oldie best friend lab that I often see her sitting with and sometimes she just lies in the park, watching everything that's going on, happy to be part of the group. Just like humans, dogs have both physical and mental need to stay healthy, and for many, a bit of freedom and independence is vital for both. For me, and I know many others, the people in this off leash area have become an integral part of my community. I live alone and often work from home. Some days I feel a little isolated and I struggle to get out of my own head after a long, stressful day at work. Being able to go to the park, knowing there will be friendly, familiar faces there, is such a comfort. After some time in the beautiful park, amongst the huge, ancient trees, Kereru flying above, talking about our dogs, families, holidays, tv shows, I feel the stress of my day melt away. I never EVER leave the park without a smile on my face. We give and receive advice on every aspect of dog ownership without judgment. We see nervous first time dog owners and welcome them, making them feel
6628	I support the proposed change	I used to be a regular visitor to Monte Cecilia Park, but over the last few years there has been an increase in dogs at the park in general. As I am a bit nervous around dogs (I have been bitten previously) i do not go too close to the bowl where dogs are allowed off leash. Lately I am avoiding the park completely as I have on many occasions now encountered dogs off leash on the walkway with their owners far behind. A friend of mine, who is dog friendly, actually got attacked by a dog at the end of last year. This just confirmed my worry. I do understand dogs need spaces to roam, but do they have to be in spaces which people regularly visit. There is the Pah homestead which invites many visitors and a lovely cafe. It used to be a relaxing environment to visit on a weekend. Now I tend of avoid it.

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6636	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose the proposed restrictions on off-leash dog access at Monte Cecilia Park, as this change is incredibly important to me and many other dog owners. I frequently visit this park and have witnessed firsthand how beneficial it is for dogs and owners to socialize and exercise in this space. The park provides an essential outlet for both dogs and people, fostering a sense of community and well-being. Monte Cecilia Park is uniquely suited for off-leash activity due to its large, sloping terrain, which is not conducive to traditional recreational uses like sports, picnics, or children's play. The park's layout makes it an ideal place for dogs to run freely, and removing off-leash access would take away one of the few spaces where dogs can fully engage in physical and social activity. Restricting off-leash access would not only limit the exercise opportunities for dogs, but it would also impact the many responsible dog owners who enjoy the park and contribute to its positive atmosphere. I urge the council to reconsider these restrictions, as Monte Cecilia Park plays a crucial role in maintaining the health and happiness of dogs and their owners.
6644	I do not support the proposed change	This is where I take my dog and a lot of my friends go there and absolutely love that they can be off leash and have some freedom. Please please do not change this!
6647	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose changing Monte Cecilia Park from an off-leash to an on-leash area. There are already too few off-leash parks in the area, and dogs need more spaces where they can run freely. This park is perfect for them to play, exercise, and socialize. Many dogs and their owners love coming here, and the dogs are generally friendly and well-behaved. Their owners are responsible, and there haven't been any serious incidents to justify this change. Please don't take away one of the few places where dogs can enjoy the freedom of running on the grass.
6648	I do not support the proposed change	I do not understand the reasoning for this proposed change - the natural bowl area works very well as a segregated off-leash area, with no confusion about where the off-leash area begins and ends. Removing off-leash access removes all utility from this area of the park - it will become a disused patch of grass.
6649	I do not support the proposed change	I'm really concerned about changing Monte Cecilia Park from an off-leash to an on-leash area. Off-leash spaces are already in short supply, and they provide a crucial outlet for dogs to exercise, socialize, and enjoy themselves. I always believed New Zealand stood for animal welfare and cherished pet-friendly environments, but this move seems to contradict that spirit. The dogs in this park are friendly and well-managed by responsible owners, and there's no significant safety issue to justify such a restriction. Instead of limiting our pets' freedom, we should be creating even more spaces where dogs can run and play freely, truly honoring New Zealand's reputation as a haven for animal rights.

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6656	I do not support the proposed change	I don't think Monte Cecilia Park should be changed to an on-leash area. There aren't enough off-leash parks around, and dogs really need places where they can run, play, and burn off energy. This park has been a fantastic space for both dogs and their owners—dogs get to socialize, and people enjoy the friendly atmosphere. Most of the dogs here are well-mannered, and their owners are responsible. There haven't been any major safety concerns, so there's no real reason to take away this freedom. Please let the dogs keep enjoying this space as it is!
6658	I do not support the proposed change	I don't support turning Monte Cecilia Park into an on-leash area. Off-leash parks are already limited, and dogs need open spaces where they can run freely and stay active. This park has been a safe and welcoming place for both dogs and their owners, fostering a strong sense of community. The dogs here are friendly, and their owners are mindful, ensuring a positive environment. There haven't been any major issues to warrant such a restriction. Taking away this freedom would be unfair to both the dogs and the people who enjoy this space.
6664	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecelia Park is an amazing off leash park and needs to stay this way. It provides large open space for dogs to train and socialise. The open space provides a relaxed environment for dogs and owners. My children have learnt to interact safely with dogs by visiting Monte Cecelia Park. The vast majority of dog owners who visit this park are highly responsible and problems with off leash dogs are extremely rare. Losing this amazing off leash area will decrease the park usage significantly, and I doubt that it will be replaced by on-leash dog owners or encourage non-dog owners to visit more frequently. Monte Cecelia is not going to be replaced by equivalent open off-leash spaces. If the policy amendments go ahead, there will be problems with overcrowding in off-leash areas leading to increased likelihood of dogs coming into conflict with other dogs, or even humans. Some of the proposed new off-leash spaces have playground, putting children at risk. Just this morning, I was walking off leash with my dog and two children. There were many other dogs and owners. It is a wonderful social environment. If this changes, it will be a loss for my whole family.
6666	I do not support the proposed change	This park is fit for purpose as an off leash park and is well used by responsible dog walking companies. I believe the introduction of a pack size limit of 6 dogs is sufficient to meet concerns raised by the public.

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6668	I do not support the proposed change	I really hope Monte Cecilia Park stays an off-leash area. There are already so few places where dogs can run freely, and this park has been such a great space for them to exercise and socialize. I always thought New Zealand was a country that valued animal welfare and gave dogs the freedom they deserve, but changes like this make me question that. The dogs here are well-behaved, their owners are responsible, and there haven't been any major problems. Instead of restricting them, we should be creating more dog-friendly spaces, not taking them away.
6677	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need the ability to run off lead. This park has proven to be a good space that enables distance between dogs. If Auckland council really want to adhere to their word and include dogs in families they will realise that an exercised dog is a happy dog. Again making these changes will not as always impact on those that dont care about the rules and it is the majority of responsible citizens that pay the price
6682	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed change makes the area less accessible for dogs and dog owners. There are only so many off-leash areas in Auckland that dog owners can take their dogs to exercise, and further limiting these areas will only put more strain on the few that remain.
6684	I do not support the proposed change	That area is the best place for socialising dogs and humans creating a wonderful rapport with users which extends into the community . I DO NOT believe there is a risk to park users. . If you want to change the Monte Cecilia dog rules, change it to the whole park off leash from 4:00pm until 10am. And consider off leash all day during weekdays. That gives weekend picnic'ers the use of the park at a weekend time they are likely to use it. Have a look at Takapuna beach rules as a working example of a good mix of use
6701	I do not support the proposed change	Already limited place for dog owner to off leash walk, can not be more
6702	I do not support the proposed change	Our dog is very social and has a genuine love and interest for other dogs and people. Every morning and evening, we walk through the streets of Mount Eden, enjoying all the sights and smells. However, her favourite pastime is meeting new friends and having the freedom to do so off-leash at Monte Cecilia Park. Most dog owners we have encountered over the last four years have been considerate and responsible when walking their dogs through the park to the off-leash bowl area to socialise. It would be a shame to lose access to this from a socialisation and well-being aspect for our beloved pets.
6718	I do not support the proposed change	We also need a place where our dogs could run freely, also for their physical and mental well-being.
6724	I do not support the proposed change	I would love to know why you are proposing this change? I do not believe it needs to be changed. It is a wonderful park for dogs to be able to have fun with their owners and be social.

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6734	I do not support the proposed change	The bowl at Monte Cecilia Park is an ideal space for people to have their dogs off leash. The naturally formed "amphitheater" shape of the bowl creates a discrete space that dogs are unlikely to leave. Being out in the open, the bowl provides safety for women and vulnerable members of the community who may be exercising their dogs alone. There is plenty of space in the park for dog walkers and non-dog walkers. Surely this beautiful community asset can be shared. Dog owners are rate payers.
6743	I do not support the proposed change	There are lots of other parks nearby that people can use which are on-leash parts such as Cornwall Park. There are not many off-leash parks for dogs and their owners to go to. I have walked at this park many times in the evening and the number of walkers without dogs is small. A better way would be to allow dogs off-leash after a certain time ie after 7pm during summer and 5.30pm during winter.
6771	I do not support the proposed change	The park is big enough to keep the small area of the naturally formed bowl for off-leash exercise. We need these off-leash areas desperately!
6783	I do not support the proposed change	This is a lovely, safe for dogs area for some off leash play. There's enough park area including the loop walk around the perimeter that people without dogs can still enjoy.
6787	I do not support the proposed change	Seriously this one is just stupid! Have you been to this park? People pretty much ONLY go there to walk dogs!! What on earth would be the point of stopping people going there to walk dogs, it just won't get used and that is either a whole lot less people and dogs exercising, or you're just putting more pressure on other areas. Don't be ridiculous - just leave it as it is!
6789	I do not support the proposed change	Please see my written submission

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6792	I do not support the proposed change	I have an 8 year old Golden Retriever and have been taking my dog to Monte Cecilia Park (The off-leash northern bowl) for 7 years. We are at Monte Cecilia at least twice a week and sometimes every single day. Monte Cecilia northern bowl is literally my dog's 'happy place'. It is the only place she is excited to arrive at, every time without fail, and runs from the top of the bowl to join 'her friends' at the bottom, a couple of hundred metres. This is notable because my dog DOES NOT RUN ANYWHERE. Such is her excitement and joy at being off-leash, in an open space, naturally flanked by the sides of the bowl. She plays and engages with endless numbers of dogs there. The proposal to put my dog, and others on a leash will LITERALLY defeat the purpose of me taking her there, as I live a good 15-minute drive away. Gone will be her ability to run freely and safely. Gone will be her ability to play and socialise with other dogs. Gone will be the things that bring my dog and others joy and a good quality of life that they deserve. QUESTION: Have you ever seen dogs play on-leash? ANSWER: No, because they don't. In fact, some otherwise placid gentle off-leash dogs become aggressive with other dogs when constrained on a leash and confronted with a larger dog. Simply because of a feeling they can escape/run away if they be attacked. Remove the leash and the dog instantly relaxes. I have seen this time and time again while out walking my dog around my local neighbourhood and at Monte Cecilia. I want to categorically state that in my 7 years of going to the Monte Cecilia Park northern bowl off-leash area (literally many hundreds of times!) I have NEVER seen a dog attack or threaten a person. NEVER. I've never even heard rumours of a dog attacking a human and I talk to every person I come across there. I am beyond astounded that the rationale for proposing a change to make the
6796	I don't know	As stated in your proposal, the Council itself states the increase of the dog population in Auckland. With this in mind, why would the council be proposing to cut down off-leash areas throughout the city? This is a huge space and should be enough for people and dogs to enjoy the vast space together. What about much larger and condensed cities with far bigger populations like London for example manage dogs and people together - their perspective and policy?
6801	I do not support the proposed change	This park offers a large area for all users and a designated area for off-lead which is very popular for locals exercising their dogs. Most do so responsibly. Signage could be better for where on and off-leash areas are.

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6822	I do not support the proposed change	This is outrageous. This has been a dream area for dog meet ups and is an absolute joy for dog owners. The vast majority of users of this park are dog owners with the absolute minority being individuals without dogs. Very anti this rule and you are shutting down a core community of people. This is grossly prohibitive and restrictive of a space that has been used positively by the community for years. You will be punishing 90% of users to entertain a 10% that still has full use of the rest of the park. Grossly unfair and whoever has put this forward should go and sit in this park to see how much joy is brought from the dogs that gather in the bowl.
6824	I do not support the proposed change	The area is a wonderful gathering point for responsible dog owners. We walk our rescue dog there and she enjoys the socialisation. There is already a lack of off lead areas in central Auckland and taking one of the best away is disingenuous. Dogs there are, in my experience, well behaved and under control of responsible owners. Reducing the areas in which they can be off lead is a knee jerk reaction which does not address the causative issues of aggressive dogs and punishes responsible dogs and dog owners. Please reconsider. I would invite you to come and join and discuss with the dog walking community in the Monte Cecilia off leash bowl on any Saturday and/or Sunday.
6825	I do not support the proposed change	We regularly walk our beautiful rescue dog, Elle, at Monte Cecelia Park on the weekend and love the community of dogs and their families who gather there to watch them play and socialise. Monte Cecelia serves a catchment of responsible dog owners and offers a safe space, away from roads, for dogs to play freely. If the concern is public safety, forcing more dogs into increasingly crowded space is surely not the answer. The councils time, resources and efforts should be put towards addressing the causative issues of dog aggression, rather than reducing the amount of space responsible owners can enjoy with their dogs. Please, please reconsider and keep Monte Cecelia as the beloved space it is for dogs and their families.
6860	I do not support the proposed change	That the proposed rule change for Monte Cecilia Park in the Puketāpapa local Area Board that "Dogs allowed under control on a leash at all times (Schedule 1(4)(a))" be rejected as being ill thought out and subject to question as to the impartiality of the decision
6861	I do not support the proposed change	Propose this area stays as a "control off a leash" area but a wire fence is erected to form a barrier between the lower part of the area and the walkway/path
6879	I do not support the proposed change	Another example of carte blanche rules recreational reserves are used for all The onus is on the local board / council to demonstrate the risk.

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6882	I do not support the proposed change	To whom it may concern, I strongly oppose the proposed changes to the Dog Policy, Bylaw and Regional Local Access Rules, especially concerning Monte Cecilia and Big King Reserve. We submitted a petition with over 1000 signatures, only to be told that it counts as one submission. This is ridiculous and a completely biased decision against those in favour of no changes. I suggest you set up a petition for the complainants (at Monte Cecilia Park only) and see if you get anywhere near 1000 signatures. If not, keep the status quo. I would also suggest that those on the board step away from their computers and come down on a Saturday morning, along with weekdays from 3 pm, to see what a friendly and safe environment it is for people and dogs.
6894	I do not support the proposed change	This is my submission to this proposal: I often visit Monte Cecilia Park with my two small dogs for the past 7 years in evenings and weekends. I have never actually seen any problem with dogs in the Off-Leash area. I occasionally see dogs being walked off-leash in the On-Leash areas. To remove the On-Leash area will punish responsible owners and you will still have a problem with non-compliant irresponsible owners in the park. All you do need to do is enforce compliance in the current On-Leash areas.

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6938	I do not support the proposed change	see attached Summary of Attachment: Opposition to On-Leash Only Proposal: The proposal lacks community consultation and transparency. Changes should be evidence-based and consider a range of options. Historical and Social Importance of Dogs: Dogs have been integral to New Zealand's history and society. They serve various roles, including police, therapy, and companion dogs. Personal Impact: The proposal would negatively affect the quality of life for the submitter and their dog, Cole. Off-leash exercise is crucial for Cole's health and the submitter's mental well-being. Community and Social Benefits: The dog-owning community at Monte Cecilia Park provides social interactions and support. The proposal would disrupt this community and reduce social benefits. Increased Pressure on Other Areas: Closing the off-leash area would increase pressure on other parks, leading to potential conflicts and dog aggression. Need for More Off-Leash Areas: With increasing population and housing density, more off-leash areas are needed, not fewer. Adequate exercise areas are essential for well-socialized and well-behaved dogs.
6940	I support the proposed change	I have actively avoided visiting Montec Cecilia park with my children due to this being well known as a dog off-leash area. Having a section of this park that is safe to visit with children would be of benefit to the wider community.

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6964	I do not support the proposed change	There is no evidence of a 'significant risk to people' as a result of use of the park as an off-leash area. The bowl area is well suited to, and well used by the dog-owning sector of the community, and large offleash areas such as this are scarce in the area. By contrast, as frequent users of Monte Cecelia, the bowl area is hardly ever used by people without dogs. There are also a large number of parks, reserves and other areas where people can visit that are not used by dogs. As a less preferred alternative to retaining the area as off-leash, a 'shared' approach should be adopted, where certain hours are allocated for off-leash activity, and others for on-leash. This option has not been adequately considered to date, but is an obvious alternative to appropriately balance competing interests
6967	I do not support the proposed change	See attachment:This petition urges the local board to preserve the Bowl Area at Monte Cecilia Park as an off-leash space. It is a vital community asset, fostering social connections and providing a safe exercise area for dogs. Restricting access would negatively impact responsible pet owners and reduce community enjoyment of the park

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6968		See attachment:We have to fence and place gate at the off leash bowl area The signage needs to be big and obvious I have been taking my dog to walk at Monte Cecilia for a long time. My dogs knows the other dogs and greet each other. This is an important part of our community for socialisation. We all need someone, we all need connection and social groups – why is this restrictions on dogs? They just need a place to run and exercise. Interacting with other dogs brings joy to the owners and joy to the people who don't own dogs. Suggestion for CCTV to be placed at Monte Cecilia Park close to the bowl area. Young girls walk in the park and there are suspicious men in the park. Often young women have to finish their evening walks by 6pm because they are scared of the men. CCTV would also be good if there was a dog attack at the park. You don't throw out a whole basket of apples because of a couple of rotten ones. Do not punish responsible dog owners due to the actions of a couple of irresponsible ones. This area of the council receives less funding than others. Why is there less for this area? I am a pensioner, why are we paying dog registration fees if we are not receiving any of the benefits?

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6969	I do not support the proposed change	See attachment Summary of Attachment: Importance of Dog Parks: Dog parks are crucial for the health and well-being of both dogs and their owners, providing a space for physical activity and social interaction. Benefits of Off-Leash Dog Parks: Safe spaces for dogs to run and meet their social needs. Opportunities for humans to socialize and form friendships. Increased physical activity and reduced cardiovascular risk. Mental health benefits. Enhanced community connection and support. Better controlled dogs and reduced criminal activity. Increased property values and neighborhood vibrancy. Design Issues: The need for well-designed off-leash parks to meet the needs of dogs and their owners. Comparison with Human-Centric Spaces: Highlighting the disparity in land allocation between dog parks and human-centric spaces in Auckland
6970	I do not support the proposed change	See attached Summary of Attachment: Loss of Access for Dogs • Impact on Daily Routines: Changes to access can significantly alter local people's daily routines, requiring dog owners to drive to other locations. • Overcrowding: More dogs in fewer spaces can lead to overcrowding, especially during summer and bird breeding seasons. • Safety and Accessibility: Removal of access to open, flat areas with good sight lines can impact young families, older people, and women Monte Cecilia Park • No Analysis: No analysis from the Council on the impact on dog owners or alternative off-leash areas. • Historical Context: The off-leash area was developed in 2015 due to limited off-leash areas, with separate spaces for dog owners and non-dog owners. • Council's Own Research: Dog walking is one of the top 5 activities in Auckland parks. • Dog Walking Assessment: A site visit showed high usage by dog owners, with 42 dogs and 10 people without dogs in the park during a 45-minute morning visit. Request to Puketapapa Local Board • Maintain Current Access: Request to keep the current off-leash area at Monte Cecilia as it is, suggesting signage or park design elements to manage any issues

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7271	I do not support the proposed change	• Support of status quo at Monte Cecilia • Been going to Monte Cecilia park for two years, there between 3-7 times a week • The main point is how do we have a park that can be used by everyone in a safe manor? • Wanted to highlight a few incidents, the first being prior to Christmas on Saturday morning. There between 8-10:30 with up to 40 dogs. There was a sports group that had set up cones in the middle of the dog area. The dog owners didn't encroach on that area, dog owners didn't complain and dog owners through their balls away from the kids training. This is an example of how we can cohabitate in the park. • The signage at the bottom entrance of the park is above my line of sight (I am 6ft) – most people will not be looking up to see that sign. My suggestion is moving this down to make it more obvious and moving it to the area where dog owners use. • Other parks in the area, Monte Cecilia is a flat walk to the designated dog area and its an easy walk for them and safe. In Monte Cecilia your dog is always in your line of sight.
7280	Other (please explain below)	• Dog places are quite important, the main options in this area are Albert Domain dog park, Big King and Monte Cecilia. • Monte Cecilia is the main option for dog owners as we are limited by traffic and parking. • Used to volunteer at no-kill dog shelters. • Responsible people tend not to own dangerous breeds and go to dog parks with them • In Mount Albert domain there is a fenced dog area • A lot of owners like to play tag with their dog when it comes to calling their dog back as they don't have any control over their dog • Because of the 1%, the other 99% tend to be targeted • Big King has very experienced dog owners • Monte Cecilia is like a community hub with no equivalence anywhere else, it draws nurturing people who teach each other about responsible dog ownership

Sub #	Q4 PTP-D Smallfield Reserve	Q4 PTP-D Comment
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4076	I support the proposed change	Letting dogs and roaming space where they can mix is great for there social skills
4201	I do not support the proposed change	It is stated in the 'Proposed updates to dog access rules at local parks and beaches' document in section 5 'How we got here' under Options Analysis that: "Option Two is the preferred way to provide a balanced use of public spaces. This area will provide off leash areas for dogs and owners without significant risk to other users of the park." I strongly disagree. There will be an increase in significant risk because: Smallfield is small reserve and adjacent to relatively busy suburban road that connects with a slip road to Three Kings Shopping Centre and close to Mt Albert Road. There isn't enough room for a dog (large or small) to run around and sufficient time for an owner to recall their dog. This will cause an increase in risk to passing pedestrians (park users or not) as well as drivers of passing cars if a dog was unable to be recalled by their owner. Further this area, unfortunately, has a number of wandering dogs straying from their home base. I have met unaccompanied, undesirable mix-breed dogs around this area and within Big King reserve on several occasions. This has been intimidating and increased my concern of an attack by such a dog to me or my dog. By having Smallfield Reserve off-leash this will attract unwanted and unaccompanied dogs to the area causing a significant increase in risk to all users and passing people and cars. Further, if the proposed changes happen, there will be fewer off-leads areas in Puketāpapa ward, forcing current users of other areas to park on suburban
4298	I do not support the proposed change	I will no longer visit local parks due to the amount of dogs that are off leash or with no responsible owners.
4436	I support the proposed change	An amendment which reflects the changing uses in the local area. It provides an off leash area in response to removing off-leash access in other local parks.
4896	I support the proposed change	An extra area for the dogs that is otherwise not used by the public.
4999	I do not support the proposed change	I do not think this area is a safe off lead area as it is close to roads and I have seen large dogs roaming around this area. I would not feel safe taking my small dog to this reserve and I think it would create rather than reduce significant risk to others. I will definitely not be using this off lead area.
5468	I support the proposed change	It is important to have a range of off leash options for local dog owners

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6267	I do not support the proposed change	The Smallfield Reserve is not an appropriate off-leash area and certainly not one that can in any way replicate what is currently occurring at Monte Cecilia. The reserve lies immediately adjacent to a public road with risks to both owners and dogs. From a health and well-being perspective the reserve is also insufficient for the larger dogs who require larger running and play areas. When compared to the scale of activity that occurs at Monte Cecilia the adoption of Smallfield Reserve would also bring about the unintended consequence of large number of vehicles wishing to park in Smallfield Avenue. In fact the kerb to kerb width of Smallfield Road is only approximately 7m in width (the equivalent of two traffic lanes). Even one vehicle parked at the kerbside on either side of the road would restrict the carriageway to only one direction at a time. While the traffic volumes currently using Smallfield Avenue is not high, this imposition of one-way movement (without other controls or off-street parking areas) will bring about additional risks to the local community (not just dog-owners). Such consequences do not appear to have been identified let alone quantified.
OUTSIDE PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all public areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
1325	I support the proposed change	Dog owners need more designated off leash areas so that they do not need to use public spaces. These should be clearly signposted and fenced.
1358	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all parks.
1587	I do not support the proposed change	Turning off-leash areas into prohibited zones requires an exceptionally valid reason; otherwise, it feels unjustifiable. Most areas are already on-leash or entirely off-limits to dogs. What exactly are dog owners supposed to do? Keep their dogs confined at home all the time? Dogs need to run and play freely, not just walk on a leash every single time. To those making such strict rules: would you feel comfortable being on a leash, held by someone every time you walked in a park? It's about fairness and understanding the needs of all living beings, including our furry family members.
1595	I do not support the proposed change	Area is not fenced
1854	Other (please explain below)	Same for all areas - we should have a section for owners and dogs to be off leash during summer.
1910	I support the proposed change	fantastic idea!

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2139	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2184	I support the proposed change	Yay
2185	Other (please explain below)	Please provide as many opportunities as possible for on-lead walking.
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2871	I support the proposed change	Fair
3478	I do not support the proposed change	Dog owners do not adhere to the rules. Dogs need to be on a leash to keep everyone safe
4477	Other (please explain below)	Dogs allowed under control on a leash at all times (Schedule 1(4)(a))
4489	I support the proposed change	I want less restrictions not more
4764	I support the proposed change	there are few options for safe off leash dog exercise areas
4879	I do not support the proposed change	Personal safety
5023	I support the proposed change	It's good to have another off-leash area, because people tend to let their dogs off anyway, so it's best to do in a place where it's allowed.
5049	I do not support the proposed change	Smallfield Reserve is an extremely poor cousin compared to Monte Cecilia Park. I don't support this because I strongly prefer Monte Cecilia to remain with its off-leash area. The problems with Smallfield are many: 1. We would have to drive there 2. It's tiny and not within a larger park where we can enjoy a walk in the natural beauty of the park. 3. It is close to roads and therefore not safe for dogs off leash as they could easily run onto the road 4. It is an area we would not feel as safe in.
5642	I don't know	I would like to gain a clearer understanding of the risks associated with Monte Cecilia Park before I can support its reclassification. I believe that more detailed justifications should be provided, along with consideration of other potential measures to address these risks. Socialization is a crucial part of responsible dog ownership, and off-leash areas are essential for this. My concern is that this change could result in a gradual reduction of access to public spaces, which I find concerning.
5661	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.

Sub #	Q4 PTP-D Smallfield Reserve	Q4 PTP-D Comment
5867	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should have the right to exercise their dog/s as per they current bylaws.
5918	I support the proposed change	Great. More areas the better
6447	I support the proposed change	It helps
6478	I support the proposed change	There are very few places already where we can take our dogs; parks and waterways provide enrichment and socialization opportunities. Council should aim to increase the areas where dogs are allowed, instead of reducing them. Council is missing on the economic opportunity dogs can be.
6940	Other (please explain below)	I support this park being off-leash, provided that low-income whanau in surrounding residential houses are provided with financial support for appropriate fencing if they do not have it, and that the council first gains permission from any families who live in those houses who have children.

Sub #	Q4 PTP-E Underwood Park	Q4 PTP-E Comment
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
995	I do not support the proposed change	A lot of families have dogs and this further limits the already limited areas where you can walk your dog.
2653	I do not support the proposed change	This change forces many of us to drive to the next closest off-leash park, adding inconvenience, costs, and environmental impact. Off-leash parks are essential for dogs to exercise, socialize, and burn energy in a way that leash-restricted walks can't provide. This park also fostered a strong sense of community among dog owners, which is now being lost. I urge you to reconsider this decision or explore alternatives, such as designated off-leash hours or specific areas of the park being off-leash, to accommodate everyone's needs.
4298	I support the proposed change	I will no longer visit local parks due to the amount of dogs that are off leash or with no responsible owners.
4358	I do not support the proposed change	The language 'significant risk to people' is emotive and not fit for purpose in a consultation document. Dogs off leash is not a inherent significant risk to people - bad dog owners aren't the ones following the dog access bylaws. Changing the rules and limiting access to dog of leash areas makes it more difficult for good dog owners and does not change the behavior of bad dog owners
4364	I do not support the proposed change	What is the significant risk?
4436	I support the proposed change	If use change has increased the risk to people, then it makes sense to restrict dogs to on-leash. At least they still have access.
5468	I do not support the proposed change	Off leash options are an important part of dog owner options for walking their dogs and providing them proper exercise
6500	I do not support the proposed change	There is no surrounding off leash areas within walking distance within the community of Wesley (other than Underwood Park which is also under review) and preference is to retain the current rule that allows dogs under control off a leash which is Option 1. It is noted there are no alternative parks offered as off leash for dog owners in our local board area. There are more green spaces in Walmsley Park for dogs and freedom of movement is key for dog owners. We have been walking our dog for six years and have noticed the increase in cyclists, cycling through this park. Unfortunately not all cyclists are courteous, and often cycle very fast which causes issues for all path users. We have not experienced any bad off leash dog issues during this time. Consideration for all park users is key whom are walkers, joggers, dog owners and cyclists. Walmsley Park is part of the shared path cycling pathway however there is no lighting in this park which makes it dangerous in the evenings, which has nothing to do with dogs and walking them off leash. Burglars do hide their goods in Walmsley Park.

Sub #	Q4 PTP-E Underwood Park	Q4 PTP-E Comment
6526	I do not support the proposed change	Reducing off-leash parks does not solve the core problem—irresponsible owners who fail to control their dogs. Aggressive dogs and those that wander unsupervised should be the focus of harsher penalties, rather than limiting access for compliant owners. Responsible dog owners who regularly exercise their dogs contribute to a well-socialised and safer dog community. Making off-leash areas more scarce will only lead to overcrowding and increased tension in the remaining parks. Reducing the number of off-leash parks will negatively impact the community. Responsible dog owners rely on these spaces to safely exercise their pets, and limiting access will lead to overcrowded parks, increased conflict, and more under-exercised dogs. The real problem comes from owners who allow their dogs to wander or behave aggressively, yet they face little to no consequences. Stricter enforcement and penalties for those who create unsafe conditions would be a much fairer and more effective solution.
OUTSIDE PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
69	I do not support the proposed change	See former submission.
239	I do not support the proposed change	High energy dogs need off leash parks to play fetch to exercise and release tension in their stressful modern lives. A well exercised dog is calm and obedient. You can't achieve the level of exercise required on leash for a high energy dog.
417	I do not support the proposed change	I advocate for being allowed dogs under control and on leash in more of aucklands regional parks and within more areas of aucklands regional parks. Walking and hiking in Aucklands regional parks is a perfect activity for having canine companionship. There is plenty of space for everyone and when dogs are under control on leash there is little room for that to be problematic to anyone. Currently the options for getting fresh air and exercise for dog owners in Auckland are already incredibly limited. I do not support limiting this further. Again, the emphasis should be on policing and preventing bad dog ownership, not making it impossible for good dogs and owners to enjoy wholesome, healthy activities in our own neighborhoods.
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all public areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
593	I do not support the proposed change	We need more, not fewer off-leash areas
689	I do not support the proposed change	Again we need to retain sufficient off-leash areas to allow dogs to be exercised.
987	I do not support the proposed change	Refer earlier comments
1358	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all parks.
1379	I do not support the proposed change	People need these off leash areas

Sub #	Q4 PTP-E Underwood Park	Q4 PTP-E Comment
1501	I support the proposed change	A popular walking and cycling route traverses Underwood Park, with the potential for serious accidents if dogs are running loose.
1587	I do not support the proposed change	Turning off-leash areas into prohibited zones requires an exceptionally valid reason; otherwise, it feels unjustifiable. Most areas are already on-leash or entirely off-limits to dogs. What exactly are dog owners supposed to do? Keep their dogs confined at home all the time? Dogs need to run and play freely, not just walk on a leash every single time. To those making such strict rules: would you feel comfortable being on a leash, held by someone every time you walked in a park? It's about fairness and understanding the needs of all living beings, including our furry family members.
1595	I support the proposed change	I and my dog have been attacked here by dogs off leash and not under any control
1847	I do not support the proposed change	For all reductions in dog access areas, I strongly oppose the changes. Resources for dog owners are already so minimal. There are nearly limitless options for people that don't want to be around dogs. Why continue to punish dog owners? It will only cause more problems as dog owners will become desperate so start ignoring rules entirely. More dog access areas will lead to more stimulated and better exercised and socialized dogs leading to better behaviour.
1854	Other (please explain below)	Same for all areas - we should have a section for owners and dogs to be off leash during summer.
1957	I do not support the proposed change	People and dogs need good areas to enjoy off leash.
2139	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2183	I do not support the proposed change	We share this land - with all living things. We cannot prohibit access because it might cause issue with a few biased individuals. This doesn't solve an issue it creates disconnect and segregation between demographics. Focus on educating dog owners as well as non- dog owners and simplifying regulations. If people get used to dogs everywhere, the less of an issue it will become. Dogs bring joy to peoples' lives. Stop trying to take away their rights to play. That's all they ask...we have people that treat them horrifically, people who hit them, beat them and try to kill them and yet they stay loyal to their owners and only ever ask for love and a good walk in return. Just let them be part of the community.
2184	I do not support the proposed change	Keep current
2185	Other (please explain below)	Please provide as many opportunities as possible for on-lead walking.

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2488	I do not support the proposed change	It's already to minum the parks and areas that you currently can walk with your dog, and to keep a healthy and balanced dog at least the dog need to be walked once a day.
2692	I do not support the proposed change	Penalises responsible owners
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2837	I do not support the proposed change	The people causing problems in Owairaka aren't going to bother following rules.
2871	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive
4025	I do not support the proposed change	Access should BE ALLOWED 'ON lead' & 'off lead' during day & for most areas for trained Dogs & Owners who are licenced & registered
4489	I do not support the proposed change	I want less restrictions not more
4764	I do not support the proposed change	there are few options for safe off leash dog exercise areas
4821	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control there is no problem.
4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety
5023	I do not support the proposed change	What's the reason for changing it? And what's the thought behind replacing one on-leash with another being off-leash and vice versa?
5103	I do not support the proposed change	There is no reason for the change, it is an attack on dog owners
5522	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under control have great owners, owners that have trust with their dog will only take them off leash. Stop taking places away from us, we already have a lack of options
5642	I don't know	I would like to gain a clearer understanding of why the 'change in the nature of the area creates a significant risk to people' at Underwood Park before I can support its reclassification. I believe that more detailed Socialization is a crucial part of responsible dog ownership, and off-leash areas are essential for this. My concern is that this change could result in a gradual reduction of access to public spaces, which I find concerning.
5661	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.
5867	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should have the right to exercise their dog/s as per they current bylaws.
5918	I do not support the proposed change	No need to change
6124	I do not support the proposed change	We need more off lead areas not less.
6344	I do not support the proposed change	Oppose
6441	I do not support the proposed change	Rubbish - try enforcing the existing Dog bylaws

Sub #	Q4 PTP-E Underwood Park	Q4 PTP-E Comment
6447	I do not support the proposed change	Expand areas and times that dog owners can access with their companions
6478	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few places already where we can take our dogs; parks and waterways provide enrichment and socialization opportunities. Council should aim to increase the areas where dogs are allowed, instead of reducing them. Council is missing on the economic opportunity dogs can be.

Sub #	Q4 PTP-F Walmsley Park	Q4 PTP-F Comment
PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
898	I do not support the proposed change	Again this park is rarely used by anyone other than dog walkers and I've never seen any issues. It's safe and enclosed, so i do not understand the motivation for this change.
995	I do not support the proposed change	A lot of families have dogs and this further limits the already limited areas where you can walk your dog.
1972	Other (please explain below)	There needs to be designated times when this has to be done and not all times. So that dogs can be off leash and also those who are uncomfortable with dogs have their time too.
2653	I do not support the proposed change	This change forces many of us to drive to the next closest off-leash park, adding inconvenience, costs, and environmental impact. Off-leash parks are essential for dogs to exercise, socialize, and burn energy in a way that leash-restricted walks can't provide. This park also fostered a strong sense of community among dog owners, which is now being lost. I urge you to reconsider this decision or explore alternatives, such as designated off-leash hours or specific areas of the park being off leash, to accommodate everyone's needs.
4298	I support the proposed change	I will no longer visit local parks due to the amount of dogs that are off leash or with no responsible owners.
4358	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need places to exercise and good dog owners need local places to take their dog for exercise. There isn't a given reason for the change and no explanations provided as to why there needs to be less dog access here.
4364	I do not support the proposed change	What is the significant risk?
4436	I support the proposed change	Its a response to changing use and increased risk, and does not exclude dogs completely.
5468	I do not support the proposed change	Dog owners need off leash options in local areas
6500	I do not support the proposed change	Walmsley Park is in Wesley and currently off leash under control which is Option 1. It is noted there is no alternative off leash parks offered as an alternative to this park dog access change. Walmsley Park has a lot of green spaces for dogs to run on/through and is well used by dog owners. We have had our dog 6 years and we have noticed that there are more cyclist utilising this park, which is part of the shared cycle pathway, however it does not have lighting in it and makes it a dangerous place to be in the evenings which has nothing to do with walking dogs. Burglars are known to hide their goods in Walmsley Park

Sub #	Q4 PTP-F Walmsley Park	Q4 PTP-F Comment
6526	I do not support the proposed change	This proposal does not tackle the true cause of dog-related problems: irresponsible ownership. Aggressive dogs and those left to roam freely create unsafe conditions, yet the penalties for these actions remain too weak. Instead of reducing off-leash spaces—where responsible owners manage their dogs properly—there should be a greater focus on accountability for those who willingly ignore the rules. Limiting access for lawful dog owners will not fix the problem; it will exacerbate behavioural issues and reduce compliance.
OUTSIDE PUKETĀPAPA LOCAL BOARD		
69	I do not support the proposed change	Ditto
177	Other (please explain below)	Only time based restrictions on on lead.
239	I do not support the proposed change	High energy dogs need off leash parks to play fetch to exercise and release tension in their stressful modern lives. A well exercised dog is calm and obedient. You can't achieve the level of exercise required on leash for a high energy dog.
417	I do not support the proposed change	I advocate for being allowed dogs under control and on leash in more of aucklands regional parks and within more areas of aucklands regional parks. Walking and hiking in Aucklands regional parks is a perfect activity for having canine companionship. There is plenty of space for everyone and when dogs are under control on leash there is little room for that to be problematic to anyone. Currently the options for getting fresh air and exercise for dog owners in Auckland are already incredibly limited. I do not support limiting this further. Again, the emphasis should be on policing and preventing bad dog ownership, not making it impossible for good dogs and owners to enjoy wholesome, healthy activities in our own neighborhoods.
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all public areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
1358	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all parks.
1379	I do not support the proposed change	People need these off lead areas
1501	I support the proposed change	A popular walking and cycling route traverses Walmsley Park, with the potential for serious accidents if dogs are running loose.
1587	I do not support the proposed change	Turning off-leash areas into prohibited zones requires an exceptionally valid reason; otherwise, it feels unjustifiable. Most areas are already on-leash or entirely off-limits to dogs. What exactly are dog owners supposed to do? Keep their dogs confined at home all the time? Dogs need to run and play freely, not just walk on a leash every single time. To those making such strict rules: would you feel comfortable being on a leash, held by someone every time you walked in a park? It's about fairness and understanding the needs of all living beings, including our furry family members.

Sub #	Q4 PTP-F Walmsley Park	Q4 PTP-F Comment
1595	I support the proposed change	I have been attacked by dogs off-leash and not under control in this area multiple times
1847	I do not support the proposed change	For all reductions in dog access areas, I strongly oppose the changes. Resources for dog owners are already so minimal. There are nearly limitless options for people that don't want to be around dogs. Why continue to punish dog owners? It will only cause more problems as dog owners will become desperate so start ignoring rules entirely. More dog access areas will lead to more stimulated and better exercised and socialized dogs leading to better behaviour.
1854	Other (please explain below)	Same for all areas - we should have a section for owners and dogs to be off leash during summer.
1957	I do not support the proposed change	People and dogs need good off leash areas to enjoy
2098	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few places dogs can safely be off-leash away from roads etc. If there are going to be stricter rules then at least provide fenced off-leash areas to make up for it. Look to other cities such as Sydney that have plenty of FENCED dog parks to keep both people and dogs safe.
2139	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2184	I do not support the proposed change	Keep current policy
2185	Other (please explain below)	Please provide as many opportunities as possible for on-lead walking.
2343	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners are already highly restricted on area and times if access. Increasing those limitations is unfair and discriminating. The majority should not be penalized for the minority who are not responsible dog owners.
2488	I do not support the proposed change	It's already to minum the parks and areas that you currently can walk with your dog, and to keep a healthy and balanced dog at least the dog need to be walked once a day.
2692	I do not support the proposed change	See previous
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2871	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive
3597	I do not support the proposed change	I run through Walmsley Park around 2-3 times a week. It is never particularly busy and when I do see dogs they are controlled even if off the leash. I am more than happy to keep the status quo.
3862	I do not support the proposed change	the existing law just needs to be enforced

Sub #	Q4 PTP-F Walmsley Park	Q4 PTP-F Comment
4025	I do not support the proposed change	Access should BE ALLOWED 'ON lead' & 'off lead' during day & for most areas for trained Dogs & Owners who are licenced & registered
4489	I do not support the proposed change	I want less restrictions not more. Also why don't you spend the money you've spent here on helping people to spey / neuter dogs in this area and dealing with the roaming, improperly cared for dogs instead of hunting out problems and making more rules for responsible dog owners?
4633	I support the proposed change	This is much more of a pathway space than a dog park and used by cyclists etc so it's risky to both dogs and path users for dogs off lead. However, there are roaming dogs in this area as well which will continue to present a risk.
4764	I do not support the proposed change	there are few options for safe off leash dog exercise areas
4821	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control there is no problem.
4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety
5023	I do not support the proposed change	I don't think this is an area that warrants changing the rules. There are no playgrounds nearby. Unless it's for bird safety, I don't see a reason to change it.
5103	I do not support the proposed change	There is no reason for the change, it is an attack on dog owners
5146	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few dog parks in this area. Walmsley Park is convenient to the many elderly people in the vicinity, who aren't able to pick up their dog and drive him/her across town. There are other parks where dogs are not permitted, and must be on-leash; these other parks provide good options for walkers.
5522	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under control have great owners, owners that have trust with their dog will only take them off leash. Stop taking places away from us, we already have a lack of options
5642	I don't know	I would like to better understand why the 'change in the nature of the area creates a significant risk to people' at Walmsley Park before I can support its reclassification. Socialization is a crucial part of responsible dog ownership, and off-leash areas are essential for this. My concern is that this change could result in a gradual reduction of access to public spaces, which I find concerning.
5661	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.
5867	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should have the right to exercise their dog/s as per they current bylaws.
5918	I do not support the proposed change	No need to change
6078	I do not support the proposed change	I would like to keep the off leash space for dogs.
6124	I do not support the proposed change	We need more off lead areas not less.
6125	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of very few off leash areas for dogs to stretch their legs. It is so great being able to go for a cycle with the kids with the dog running alongside. Trying to hold the lead whilst cycling is tricky.

Sub #	Q4 PTP-F Walmsley Park	Q4 PTP-F Comment
6344	I do not support the proposed change	Oppose
6441	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great area for dogs off leash. Stopping this is neither good for dogs or their owners - does not meet with the Council's stated objectives - unless this are just a smokescreen
6447	I do not support the proposed change	Expand areas and times that dog owners can access with their companions
6478	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few places already where we can take our dogs; parks and waterways provide enrichment and socialization opportunities. Council should aim to increase the areas where dogs are allowed, instead of reducing them. Council is missing on the economic opportunity dogs can be.